

HARWOOD DIARIES

July 28, 1817

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BENNINGTON, VERMONT



July
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MONDAY, July 28th

Some cloudy in the morning, but settled down to good hay weather. Hay-
ing was pursued with spirit. A considerable piece was encircled whose
E. line ran about due S. from the upper part of the crooked ditch to
the upper brook where it bends round an elm just above where it en-
ters the ditch dug in 1807, thence up the N. bank of s'd brook to the
lane fence, thence N. to a few beyond a butternut stump (it should be
a butternut bush growing out of a stone-heap) covered with bushes;
thence N.E. to a certain elm, thence following a little crooked run
and from that over a tongue of dry ground to a point from whence they
set out - The greater part of which was mown in the A.M. P.M. anothe-
r piece was gone round which is bounded N. by the Upp'r B, E. by
Brown's Fay line - S. by the cow-pasture, and part of the upper mead-
ow - W. by the same and the aforesaid bend of the Upp'r B. - this,
Day: however, was not finished. Mr Jo. Day Sen'r and E. Montague worked
Montague. for us all day & Mr Enoch Bird who entered the meadow in quest of work
about 11 A.M. - half a day - He and neighbor Day mowed on the last men-
Stark. tioned piece. Stark rode off to Shaftsbury.

TUESDAY, JULY 29th The weather fluctuated from oppressive heat to a
more cool temperature in a little time & vice ver-
sa - these flashes were more observable in the forepart of the day.
P.M. it clouded over, thundred and about 4 o'clock came on a smart
shower of rain. The work was driven a-pace. The P.M. piece of the 28
being finished a grand slice was cut from the E. part of the upper mead-
ow extended W. so far as to range in a line from N. to S. from the bank
of the upper brook to a certain butternut tree beside the S. fence, but
the shower prevented its being all laid. Happily, through the exertion
Bird, of Bird & Montague - and Mr Blazedel's raking here in the P.M. all our
Montague, hay was secured. Company pured in from all quarters this day - Cornel-
Blaizedel ius Stone & Lady and youngest daughter - went home P.M. Asa Doty's
Stone, wife, and Betsey, Melissa and Lucy Street - The two last tarried all
Mrs Doty night. Mrs D. & Betsey rode home with Mr Harvey Bliss. Mr West arr'd
B & L in the eve'g from Columbia County. Last and only unwelcome guest was
Street friend O. Stark. I do not mean that he was the last that arrived, but
West last on the list as he ought to be first on the list of idlers and
tipplers.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30" Rainy - Business suspended. Looked out a part of
our flock which had strayed among several other f
Fettering flocks which had been collected and confined in Mr Brown's barn - We
sheep. undertook fettering with leathern thongs, those run-a-ways, not all, but
Bigland's der. Received from Sol. Clark, Bigland's View, handsomely bound, and
Journal. this Vol. in which I write. Cost of binding the former \$3.12-1/2 - the
latter, including 2 quires paper found by C. \$1.66 - original cost reck-
oning all of this blank \$3.00 Made a wooden horse to support the cart
Wilcox tongue. Read music with Mr B's flute at night. Mr Asher Wilcox, a man
absconds independent in his circumstances - early Sunday morning, or late Satur-
day night, cleared out for Ohio, intending that his family should fol-
low next day, but the man who was to execute this part of the plan had
his horses hidden so that he was obliged to tarry 'till Monday - when
everything was attached and otherwise secured that could be found. It

was understood that he had with him a large sum in cash besides much other property, but owed in small debts between 4 & \$500 - There was an unsettled account between him and ourselves on which it is presumed he owed about \$3.00 - See V. 4 p. 325 - But what compleatly caps the climax - he left totally dependant his aged and decrepit parents to the mercy of their neighbors or the public. Thus departed Mr W.

Bird
Dimminks
cattle.

THURSDAY, JULY 31st Fine weather. The remnant of the piece described p 2 was cut down and the whole of the upp'r meadow which remained was boldly surrounded, but not finished, there being in the P.M. only Mr Bird, except my mowing one swath, to carry on mowing - our business turned to getting up hay. No hand employed except Mr B. this day. Dimmick's & Brown's cows broke into the Fay meadow in the PM - sent our boy to assist in driving them out. Father Blazedell & his wife had a high quarrel. Mr West rode away this morning.

Upper
meadow
finished
Bird.
J.Rogers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st Middling warm but very good weather. Finished getting in hay from the upper meadows which collectively produced about 5 tons - Very much as it was in 1816 - See 4th V. p 199-202 J.Rogers assisted this PM and was good. Mr Bird who mowed a piece whose E'n edge stretched from a well known elm to the old clay-pit thence up the brook to the land - thence to where the dry brook enters the meadow - thence due E. to the aforesaid elm - I said he mowed it, but it is not correct, for he did not quite finish it, but having stuck very close to his business at which he was very expert, and the grass being stout and badly lodged, in the vale of the dry brook at the upper end he was tired down and to rest him pitched on the last load.

Visit at
Arling'n

Lydia with her friend Melissa Street went on a visit to Bingham Hill's, Arlington, Vt., drawn by the old Doty mare in Buckley Squires' waggon - Good wishes attended them. That eminent character O. Stark came and took my gun to go hunting without leave. See V. 4 p's 382, 383, July 25th.

Bird
Quantity
of hay.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd Rather hazy, but good hay weather - Wind S. That piece of mowing described last produced better than in 1816. In addition to this Mr Bird with some little assistance from me, laid about an acre on the flat N. of the upper brook ditch - the E'n side of which ran in a SE direction from the bridge over the crooked or first ditch to the other ditch near to a dry gravelly ridge - grass here light and thin but of good quality - Hay all in sun an hour high at night - 17 1/2 tons in the whole got in this season.

Bird
Stark

In the course of this P.M., and at other times I conversed with friend Bird respecting his parentage and some occurrences in his life. His father, being about 55, resided with his mother and numerous family, at Hatfield, Mass. His Mother was then parent of 12 children, 2 of which she had by a former husband - Four of his sisters were twins. His sole occupation had been in the agricultural line. Had lately resided in Hamilton N.Y., where, as he states, he was slowly gaining a-head but unfortunately entered into partnership in a \$500 job at coaling with a friend, who suddenly took up stakes and absconded to parts unknown, leaving him in the lurch, which nearly stripped him of everything. But he appeared determined to repair his losses by honest industry and not foolishly resign himself up to despair. So much we may say to his credit that he could execute a large day's work well, and used no profane language. In size and stature about middling - aged 25, October 1816. Mr Stark brought back my gun - We had determined to oust him or make his stay very uncomfortable, therefore we fell to lashing him severely over one another's backs. Erastus being unwell and not able to work that day, complained that he was a poor creature and did not know what to do - I immediately replied, that he had better get his living without work, by running from house to house and from place to place as we saw that some did - This

Old
maids.

took with Bird & Montague, who were ~~friend~~ presently joined by friend J. Rogers and they carried it to such a pitch that Stark left the house in a violent fit of anger which caused him ultimately to clear out in full the following Tuesday. Lydia and Melissa arrived in high spirits from Arlington - were introduced to many - Saw the printing establishment - had a good time visit

Bird
H. Waters
Blazedell
& his
Lady.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3d Warm faint weather - cloudy - rain expected. It was a busy day in my line. Bird went to his cousin Lyons in Woodford - received \$2 in money. Hiram Waters here some part of the day. Old Blazedell & his wife quarrelled so violently that they were heard all over the neighborhood - Several neighbors were called in to still them, but to no purpose as it continued 'till many hours subsequent to this Lord's Day. I was sent for but could not go. So was friend Erastus, but, like me, he would have nothing to do with it. The affair was not new, nor was the cause latent. Rum and the great disparity of years between the couple was the sole cause - the old man being about 60 & his wife a little past 30 occasioned in him great jealousy, which on all these occasions he breathed forth unreservedly. From what I have stated a pretty correct judgment may be formed of their station and happiness in life - yet were they industrious. Their employment embraced gardening, making rakes and baskets. See V. IV, p. 323.

Flax
pulled.
McEowen
& his
mother.
Blazedell
Bliss,

MONDAY, AUGUST 4th Warm wind from the S. Shower at night. Mr McEowen brought his Mother here. Pulled flax which was considerably lodged. She tarried while he went to neighbor Blazedell's to settle the hash. He made them take each other by the hand and solemnly promise to forget the past and be friends and leave peaceably for the future, but it was supposed he had not gone out of hearing before the fracas was renewed. His, McEowen's, mother had lately suffered a paralytic shock. Lent Mr Bliss the 1st Vol. of Bigland. John Murphy visited us.

Flax.
Erastus
Mrs W's
Mr B.
Isaac
Godfrey

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th Fair, quite cool. Finished pulling the flax, which was well coated, and of good length. See V.4 p 332
Erastus was ill - rode for us to capt Hill's and got a small quantity of wool carded and got my newspapers for me. Mr Brown & Mrs Waters visited here in the after part of the day. Isaac Godfrey's lady received a quantity of butter and cheese toward a calico gown pattern for which she asked 14/0 - See butter paper 1817

Parsons
Waters

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 Cold morning - wind S. - mild day. Reaped rye on nearly as much ground as was occupied with spring wheat in 1816. See V. 4 P. 210-11 - See also in this V. p 8 remarks. At night my father was ill. Friend Parsons arrived from his late tour amongst his Rensselaerville friends - out of health. The girls visited at friend Waters'.

Swale
mowed
Innoculation
Erastus

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 High, warm, faint S. wind, swift flying clouds. We mowed, and got in the hay, in a pretty green state which grew, on or in the swale in this years rye field and with what was collected beside 2 fences we computed it at 15 hund. Good, weighing now not less than a ton which our steers drew with ease into the barn. V.4 p. 204. Improved a little leisure near night innoculating. Put in 3 or 4 buds into the same tree mentioned. V. 4 p. 200 - 4 more into another where I had ingrafted in May, and 2 more into another ingrafted tree. Friend Erastus sick and low spirited.

Dimmick

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th After a long S. wind there came on heavy rains which commenced with thunder near the close of the day. Dimmick came on this morning to cradle rye, but his cradle not being adequate to the business I went to town and borrowed a new one, painted red

Dr Swifts at Hyde's with a new scythe, which D. had to grind after my return - We cradle. harvested rye 'till towards night when we were warned off by the rain. On the flax-ground and where the wheat grew, it was a good crop, but on the oat ground it was thin, ears short and heavy. V. 4 p. 209. Uncle S. Plaster Robinson who was in low health brought us rather exceeding 4 bhl of plaster. Mr Parsons present early in the evening. A letter from uncle Asa A. Harwood Harwood was rec'd through the P.O. - Post marked - Plainfield, M's July 23rd - dated - Sempronius, June 15 1817 - His family and himself indifferently well - Hard times - Likely to be short of bread - his grain cost him 14/0 pr bhl - had already paid out for that article thirty six dollars. Wished to receive instead of his share of furniture (V.4 p.85) a horse and saddle. Had heard that the Lord was at work in Bennington.

Rain SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 A very rainy day from SE - Wind high at night - No business of note attended to. Chauncey who had been ill the preceding day went to mill and got wet. Mrs Street had finished her spinning her spinning job here and staid through the day very discontented - wanted to go to Mr Jo Norton's. Wrote an answer to the above Letter to mentioned letter in father's name. Congratulated him on the enjoyment of indifferent health as it was preferable to downright sickness. Informed him that the proposition respecting the horse would be very agreeable if it were possible to comply with it - Stated the necessary facts to prove the difficulty of sparing either of the faithful old mares, or either of the colts, the former being past 19 and the latter too young, except the young mare which we could not spare for want of team - three years old steers being all the oxen we had. Assured him that trial should be made to obtain a horse which should be equipped and sent him - Gave him a strong invitation to visit us in person or by any of his family. He mentioned himself that he talked of coming - wanted to know where Brother Waterman lived, of which I told him thus, that he lived in Brookfield about 2 miles S. of the Great Western Turnpike - turning off at Bridgewater Village. Named several persons belonging to uncle Z. Harwood's family that had been converted.

Diadama Dama arrived at night from P. Dewey's where she had been confined by the weather a day & night.

Lydia 26 Lydia entered her 27th year this day.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10" Warm, faint, cloudy weather, although the morning had been cold. I had suffered much pain from a sort of gum-bile immediately below my right eye, during the night, and it continued all the forepart of the day causing a feverish sensation which was not at all agreeable. P.M. felt tolerably bright, having enjoyed a nap, but it came on again heavily at night. Towards noon walked out with friend J. Rogers to the wheatfield and gathered some sorrel to apply to Sarah's sore finger, with which she had been afflicted several days. R & I had a close conversation in which we were highly satisfied. Church Latter part of the day engaged at writing and reading - The Church Conference received 10 new members and there was a conference at the S. School house in which Mr Comstock presided. Mr Bird arrived in the eve'g from Woodford - partly shaved me. Friend Dimmick was here this evening and read in the 24th V. concerning the journey to Adams, March 8th. Mrs Street cleared out for J. Nortons', having spun here about three weeks or more - I mean she had spun wool.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 Thick and cloudy most of the day, particularly toward evening - Damp wind from the S. - began to rain at 9. Dimmick finished cradling the rye which, added to what he had done on Friday, made him up a days work. The Barley-Wheat which covered 3/4' of an acre, and a light crop, was moved - the rye bound and stacked, a little ;ast noon; and about an acre of the N.E. part the winter-wheat, cut and stacked rye fashion. Friend Erastus assisted $\frac{1}{2}$ about an hour

Letter at night. Chauncey went twice to mill - The receipt of a letter from
from Theodosia of Attica flung me into a violent perturbation - Its intro-
Theodosia duction was not conceived in the most conciliating terms but what was
worse than all was to find that she had not received the money trans-
mitted her per Mr Harmon as mentioned V.4 p.345 - See p. 371 - She ex-
cused the matter handsomely about not writing - said the S.'s knew very
little about her affairs &c. Had seen hard times - obliged to supply
herself with bread by spinning at 1 persons - Stated how much she &
Fanny (her sister) had spun for hire, within the year. Wheat \$2 per
bushel, and, had it not been for the miller, Mr Andrews, must have suf-
fered for want of bread stuff - I shall not notice this further at pres-
ent.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 It had rained all Monday night very steady and fast
and so continued 'till past noon thisnday - then
there was a vessionation of 2 or 3 hours after which it set in again, but
not so heavily, being more misty and showery. Having been greatly agi-
tated even in the night, concerning that money sent to Theodosia, I could
not rest until I had done what I could toward recovering it or finding
out something respecting it - Waited a good while for it to stop rain-
ing, but at last my patience being exhausted, set out for the P.Office
in the heaviest of the rain. Called at L. Dewey's, J.Palmer & H.Clark's
shop where Mr D. was busy at his trunk-making business and shewed a new
modelled lock which he said was invented by himself & Clark, for which
they intended to get a patent - Continued my walk to the P.O. - calling
by the way at Swift & Hyde's to get a few things, which amounted to 47
cents. Found in the former place Col Merrill & others warmly engaged in
talking over their pros & cons about "Matter and Mind". I stated to
Letter to cousin Uel that I wished to communicate through him to his brother Sam-
S.Rob'n uel at Fredonia, N.Y., which in substance was to have him make every
necessary enquiry of Mr Harmon respecting the letter which he carried
out with him when he removed; and to write the result immediately.
Staid in this place, reading, 'till the rain was over - Took papers
from the printing office and steared for home - called and borrowed a
sickle at Dr Swift's. Saw Henry Vlll's likeness in the History of
England. Dr S. was posting books with Edward & Semantha at his elbow.
Our storm was from S.E.

Harvest. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 Thick foggy morning, heavy clouds through the day,
E.Waters strength but by 9 o'clock E. Waters came on with his brother Hiram and
& men. hired man, Nathan Clark. And about 11 Mr Snow of Woodford solicited
Snow. and obtained employment. The work went on with life - the men being
temperate and steady. Mr L. Dewey called up, as he had business in
this part of the town, ostensibly to know if we should like to have him
and his son-in-law, Palmer, reap for us next day. He was informed that
we would employ them. He was quite thirsty, waited for the boy to come
with water, but unfortunately for him (as he esteemed it) and unknown
to me, the rum jug was nearly, or quite exhausted, however he cheer-
fully departed. Walked with H. Water's to his brothers in the evening,
although considerably worn up, more to please him than myself, playing
the fife with him.

J.Rogers THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 It held thick and cloudy all day - began raining
Snow. about 5 P.M. The same men with the addition of J.
Rogers in the afternoon pursued the same business again this day. Snow
quitted at night for Woodford. The winter-wheat would have been fin-
ished if it had not rained. The S.W. part of the field produced the
stoutest and most even growth but except next to the woods, the straw,
which was long, was rusty and weather-beated, the heads, comparatively

Wheat light. We think the heaviest, best filled ears grew S. of the knoll, but E. of this, between it and the fence it was the poorest in the field, being scattering and green. The whole of it was quite uneven about getting ripe. - some spots dead ripe, others very green, while other parts stood ripe and green together - Pretty good crop.

Andrew Parsons I omitted mentioning in its proper place that Mr Andrew Parsons and his bride, accompanied by his brothers Seth & Hiall with their ladies arrived Tuesday P.M. at T.C.Parsons. The former couple were lately married at the E. end of L. Island and came now to visit their relatives and friends. Friend Andrews resided in this neighborhood a few years since.

Mr Day & lady. Another omission - Mr Joseph Day Sen'r established himself and lady at Mr Blazedell's about the ult. but the house growing too hot for them - they cleared out on the inst. Mr D. was a common laborer - 60 years of age in April 1817 - Mrs D. about 30.

J.Murphy & lady. Mr John Murphy and lady paid us a fine visit this P.M. - rode in his new one-horse waggon. Widow Rice visited in part and received 3 gallons vinegar.

Wid.Rice & Vinegar Mar. 18 1826 Rec'd pay \$1. in full for said vinegar, pr Mr Fenton.

Friday, August 15" Had rained much the preceding night, continued raining moderately 'till about 9 this morning - then cleared up except flying clouds and was very warm. A shower happened about 4 P.M., but not of long duration. Continued warm all day. The harvest was pursued every moment of fair weather, indeed every moment that it did not rain. The latter part of the A.M. was employed repping spring-wheat in the field N. of the N. meadow - P.M. the finishing stroke was given to the winter wheat - had just time enough get it stacked as it began to rain as stated above, and what is more most of us were without coats, consequently were not a little chilled and wet. At this time Bird rode off to Woodford to attend a ball.

Bird Remainder of the day finished cutting down the aforesaid sp'g wheat.
E.Waters' men. E. Waters worked 1/2 a day - cradled sp'g wheat. His man Clark, from nearly 2 P.M. till night - Hiram Hull 1/2 the day - cradled sp'g wheat.
Hull. H. Waters began work past 9 - continued till night - never had reaped much - good at binding. Aunt Sarah Robinson came up on a visit this P.M. Also, Capt Waters.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16" Dry weather once more, but warm. Ground wet, Streams high. The remainder of the spring wheat was cut - the whole bound and stacked - The barley wheat (p) and a small load of hay got in. Our spring-wheat especially that in the N. field was a very fine crop, the straw as bright as silver. Hiram Hull worked all day - cradling & binding. Mr Bird arrived in the morning from Woodford, but feeling indisposed, having made an attempt to work quitted the field and did not take the ground again till P.M. when he performed as usual. There was no regular celebration of the day by either party, however, from the noise we presume some powder was burned, by men or boys. Mrs Street had a quilting - Mrs Waters M.Street and Melissa attended. Cousin Margaret Harwood came from Petersburg on a visit. Old aunt Hannah Harwood brought over whortle-berries - wanted to get flour, abd obtained about 13 lbs.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th Pretty warm - Some part of a thunder shower which passed round to the S.W. came here, late in the day. Cousin Margaret and Lydia went to meeting, but return'd at noon - therefore our pains in harnessing the horses to the great waggon was partially lost. Read a few pages in Bigland's England - transcribed some few lines of our Connecticut expedition in 1815 in the Journal for that year. Erastus nursed his fever and ague. Mr Bird absent at night.

Waggon

MONDAY, AUGUST 18th A cloudy morning, but proved to be a pretty good hzy day. Prospect of rain at night - the little meadow was mown - 2 loads of it drawn in - much more produc'n than in 1816. Mr Bird, P.M. mowed a piece in the N. meadow W. of the barn - 59 shieves of spring-wheat were secured. This leads me to mention Dimmick & that through the negligence of Mr Brown and Friend Dimmick, their oxen Brown broke into our field of spring-wheat and corn, in the night, destroyed a bushel or more of the former and being yoked broke down much of the oxen. latter. Those gentlemen were informed of their getting in on Friday about sun-down as we were there reaping, which was not enough to warn them against leaving them in the same lot out of which they then as well as at this time had broken. Much had been said about the weakness of the fence, which belonged to Mr B. - and the geese were talked of - Friend D. promised all should be taken care of, but we see how and in what manner, for the geese had harvested not much short of a bushel. However, Mr B. & friend D. were in general very kind & obliging neighbors, and had the fence repaired. The latter partially viewed the damage and said he'd leave it altogether to us to say what the amount was, which he was willing reimburse. Promised to confine the oxen in future - but I am sorry to say, before night had to send the boy to dog out the geese. Cousin Margaret & my sisters rode in Mr Brown's waggon on a visit at uncle S. Robinson's. J. Rogers visited us this day P.M. - mentioned the birth of Mr Burrel Green's eldest daughter - weighing 12 lbs. V. 4 p. This happened on Sunday eve'g. One word more about the geese. I said 'not much short of a bushel' - if I had stated it be full 2 bushels or more, the truth would be better understood. I set this not down in malice, but such were some of the events of the day, which I am at liberty to record.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 Cloudy, having appearances of pending rain but that was all if we add that it was quite warm. The work went on pleasantly. The hay in the little meadow, what remained, was taken in early in the day - very green, salted & staved well. The whole produce of this meadow we estimate at about 56 hundred. The hay grown on 2 acres of the N. meadow, W. of the barn and orchard was drawn in - produced much as usual - a part was laid down this day - P.M. Mr Bird took down an acre whose sides W. & N. bordered on the plow-land, & assisted at night in getting in hay - J. Rogers and all hands performed handsomely - Cousin Margaret went home 1 o'clock P.M. A load of ladies from the S. drove up - Messrs Jesse & Samuel Loomis' & Messrs J. Norton Sr & L. Norton's ladies completed it. Mr Brown fluted here this evening and bore the usual jokes respecting the widow and others. 149 shieves spring-wheat got in.

WEDNESDAY, AUG'T 20 It rained a little while in the morning, then held up, with the wind N.W. - supposed it would fair away, but about half past ten set in again & continued till nearly 4 PM some part of the time very hard - Ground wet - Streams high - Business stood still - a little mowing was the chief - Jonathan made shoes for us About 5 in the P.M. all hands made a tea party at the spinning house - Mrs Street having completely finished her quilt. Early in the evening, Mrs Street, Lydia, Dama, Sally, Jonathan & myself, having music, marched to Mr Brown's and had a treat of cherry wine from him, which was gratefully received. The ladies paid their compliments to Mrs Dim'k & Miss Towsley. Mr Bird was invited but did not att'd. Parsons & lady arrived from Hoosick.

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Bird

Flax

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U.M. Robin-
son.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 The weather wore a very discouraging aspect in the morning - Scuds adhered to the summits of the mountains, were driven before a stiff S.W. breeze - It was warm - toward noon we perceived a change - P.M. cleared up - wind & flying clouds from N.W. The uncertainty of the weather prevented us from pushing business. Bird mowed a small piece & assisted in reaping some few oats. P.M. he was dismissed, and went his way. The employment of my father & myself was chiefly, in the fore part of the day, examining the flax, which was nearly spoiled, and the grain which was in a better state than would have been expected, though some sprouted. A whortleberry jaunt was set on foot in the P.M. Lydia, Dama, Jonathan & myself, including our young commodore ascended that part of Mount Anthony called "Bald Hill" by a pretty tedious walk, but were rewarded with a tolerable supply of blue-berries. We indulged in some innocent rambles - L. & I surveyed the source of Tanbrook, just beyond the swell of the Bald Hill. A moment before our departure we all sat down in an opening and enjoyed a most charming view of the country - S.E., E. and N.E. - Our own possessions shewed to pretty good advantage - It was really worth while to dispense with all our pains for the sake of so fine a prospect. We made every signal we could invent to show ourselves to the people at the house - I threw off my surtout, played the fife as loud as possible - Jonathan swung his hat and coat - we halloed - the tin horn answered us, as we thought, but it all was lost, for they heard us, but knew not where we were, even supposed us but few rods off. Having returned and supped, Jonathan & I assisted about raking hay by moon-light. Cousin U.M. Robinson came to see us - went home - Mr Bird arrived from hearing the trial of J. Day Jun'r's and wife's trial for fighting. Jewett's brook we saw was extremely high.

Blazedel

Steers

Evening
work.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22d It was hazy in the morning, but the wind was N.W. and although near night we were smitten with fears from the appearance of the clouds, yet had we fine weather for our business. Two teams were put in motion, all the winter wheat except 4 loads and rye except a small load were drawn in - A quantity of hay was raked - Mr Blazedel assisted to load one load of shieves in the P.M. Our steers, which were driven by Bird, although the ground being uncommonly wet and soft yet performed wonders, drew as many loads and as large a quantity of grain as the horses, which friend Jonathan drove. After supper we turned out to do up some wheat and rye, the weather appearing too risky. All were cheerful - the moon flashed her dim rays through the scattering clouds which took off much of the gloom of night. Mr B. requested me to record that it was the first time that he had ever turned out upon a like occasion at so late an hour.

Grain

Jonathan
Rogers.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23d S. wind and flying clouds with warm weather, which last had now continued nearly two months almost uninterrupted, is the character of this day - at night a heavy thunder came from N.W. The remainder of the winter grain, the spring wheat, flax, & 1 small load of oats, not so very small neither, a load and a half of hay out of the N. meadow, and 3 or 4 hund of grass out of the wheatfield, were this day secured. Oats and some grass yet to cut. Our winter wheat had suffered in some degree from the wet, we had used every precaution to dry it, but it was far from being in that state which we desired it to be - The rye a little green - the flax almost ruined - the spring wheat in good order. Friend Jonathan worked for us this week at making shoes and farming. Mr Bird preserved his usual cheerfulness at work up to this date.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th A very foggy, rainy morning, began to clear away about 10 A.M. P.M. high wind from N.W.; flying clouds and uncomfortably cold all day - Previous to this, a long spell

of warm weather had been seen. It was so dark and cold that in the early part of the day I postponed writing and perused Bigland's View of the early stages of English history concerning the Britons and Romans. In the P.M. wrote a few pages of our Connecticut expedition - 1815 - Toward evening Lydia and I took a walk in the young orchard, observed a goodly quantity of fruit in various parts - Inoculated 3 buds in 2 different trees. Our little dog was with us and in his zizzag wanderings discovered game in the stone wall - came to us several times to get us to assist him - At last we attended to his calls - went to the place where he was barking, and hauled out a good sized wood-chuck, which the little fellow with great exertion killed. Mr Parsons & his brother Andrew were here a short time this evening. Mr Adzit (Reuben) a former neighbour - married about 41 years ago to Dolly Morgan, a hired girl to Capt Hinman - called to see us in the P.M. Said he lived in Saratoga, N.Y.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th Cold, very cold morning. - a little frosty - good hay day. W'd N.W. We completed mowing. Mr Bird, Father and myself stuck to it all day and by cutting a stout piece of grass in the form of a harrow, S. of the dry-brook and beside the lane, I was badly banged off - the others were not a little fatigued. 2/3rds of what was mowed this day lay N. of the upper brook.

Aug't 1817 J. Rogers was employed all day - Lot Strange the P.M. lightly & Hiram Hull about 2/3 rds of the day or thereabouts, cradling oats, quitted work before night, being indisposed - His brother Hendryx C. took him off a while for an evidence about his court business. We kept the boys and Genl Robinson Strange at raking. General Robinson came to see us respecting a note which Luther Park had given him in security for borrowed money - said note being the same gicen to John Murphy. V.4 p.58. And to see when our haying was finished, 1816 - p.204.

Hay our N.meadow TUESDAY, AUG 26th Good hay weather - a little smoky. We could not finish our business yet - although the N. meadow was cleared of hay - a like quantity of which it produced the present as it did the last year - and 5 middling loads were carted out of the S. meadow. Jonathan R., like a good fellow, raked and worked for us another day. J.Rogers Mr Bird calculated on cradling oats in the former part of the day, but Bird the thing was broken & would not work - he then used the sickle & scythe to lay the few he did before noon - P.M. was sick and kept his bed most of the time. In consequence of information received of friend Parsons Ladies disap'td in the morning, our ladies prepared to receive company from his house, of a visit which was to include his brother Andrew & lady, but no company appeared and, according to his own confession, no one had thought of coming - It seems nothing in earnest was intended about it. I very happily enjoyed the day, worjing with friend J.R.

Bird WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 A great dew this morning, but it was a fine day. We settled off with friend Bird in the morning, by August 1817 which it appeared that, excluding what he did on the 26th., which he said he only did for his board, he had labored here 14 days and charged \$14., but my father thinking him a little too high got him to agree to take thirteen, of which he had had five, leaving eight due. We drew in all Haying about our hay except about five hund'd - the main business was that of binding finish'd and getting in oats, of which there was a fine crop, produced on about J.R. 2 acres. To see a statement of our crops &c turn to p. 25. Jonathan R again labored for us. Went off to House's at night. Diadama visited at Mr Lomms's

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 There were some signs of falling weather, but in the main it was fine, greatly favorable to farmers. Each had his part assigned him in the morning to execute preparatory to making a party on Bald Hill. Father rode to town to get his plow-share sharpened and get newspapers - Chauncey was despatched to cousin Stephen's to bring home woolen cloth - I had a piece of oats to reap - had to go about the neighborhood to hunt my sickle, meantime borrowed Mr Brown's flute, but once at my work I flew to it with all the fury I could muster, and made a quick disposal of it. Found Mr Bird at the house, he wanted his pay - friend Erastus had sent him from Algiers to E. Fuller to obtain it, but failed - continued his course to our house. I undertook borrowed to borrow it for him - tried Mr Brown - pretty dry - had nothing that of H. Swift would pass in paper except \$1.00 specie sacred. Went to Dr Heman Swift and borrowed a five dollar bill and on a dollar in change in four parcels of pennys

Bird and nine pences, which I delivered to said Bird in the presence of friend Heman & Mr Bliss. \$2 were still due which he expected to receive of friend Erastus in Algiers or borrow it for him, which as he Bird said he should, the next morning, leave town for Hatfield gave him a chance to play a dishonest trick, but I was not much afraid of it, because in our short acquaintance he shewed himself honest. See p. . Erastus came up in the evening, staid all night and the next morning - \$2. were mustered and sent on to friend Bird - Erastus being the man to pay him according to agreement. Now then for our party - Dinner being over - Father, J. Rogers, E. Montague pays him in full. Party on Bald Hill Mrs Mary H. Buck, Sarah, Dama, myself, Chauncey, H. Brown Jr and Harry Parsons marched boldly onto the Bald Hill - found no berries worth naming but enjoyed the enchanting prospect there afforded - an old piece of tin was suspended from a dry oak that it might serve as a signal to direct the view of those below to that elevated spot, this however proved abortive, neither ourselves nor the tin were seen at the house. We sounded the dinner horn, which was plainly heard and answered by mother, whose voice reached us distinctly, they said they heard what tune I was playing on the fife, but the flute, although its sound could be distinctly sensed, yet no tune could be traced. We returned from the hill half past 5. Soon after seating myself to read papers in the evening, Mrs Blazedell sent her little girls to inform us that her husband had turned her and her children out of doors, with her clothes, and forbidden her admittance hereafter. At first we (father & I) hesitated, but finally went. In going thither, among other tunes played the Rogues March, thinking it best suited to the occasion. Let us premise, that those children were not Mr B's, his lady having had them previous to her marriage, and that these quarrels were common, especially in rum times. We found the lady crying - sitting by the wayside - In the midst of her sobs she uttered bitter complaints against her husband as we marched slowly up to the house, where we halted - the moon making a dim glimmer over the hill, but not yet seen - we rapped & halloed at every door - no answer - still as the house of death - I seredaded him awhile, then growing impatient - made some heavy thumps against his south door and talked roughly, which had the desired effect - he advanced to the window above us and began a conversation, of which I shall not attempt to report any part. Suffice it to say that after hearing mutual accusations, denials and threats we prevailed on neighbor B. to let in his wife & her children & then came home.

August 1817 Neighbor Dimmick had a great quantity of oats drawn - Andrew Parsons and lady cleared out for Hoosick - T.C. went with them in his waggon. That lady I had not seen. A letter was received from our friends at N. Branford, written by R.B. Stone and his daughter Adeline, which informed that they were all in health - expected to see Mr Parsons with his lady there this fall - related several marriages - one late death &c. - Season fine - crops good.

Ploughs FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th Fine weather continued - it was pretty warm - Commenced ploughing winter-wheat, stubble ground for sowing ground rye - The last loads of oats was drawn in at eve'g - Haying & harvest finished.

August 1817 SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 Cloudy with signs of rain till 3 P.M. Wind N.E., after which it cleared away very warm - Cool in the ev'g

Canada I attended to ploughing till some past noon when father took my place that I might go to town. Took a scythe which he brought with him & mowed Canada thistles in the opening S.E. of the lime kiln and a part of a large growth in firend Parsons' land which were just on the point of blossoming - some had blossomed. At Mr Cushman's this evening a number of re-

Repub'n Committee publicans met to consult on the pending election, among whom I was invited Those that I recollect were, gen'l Robinson, Judge Fay, Capt Hendryx, Samuel Fay, Stephen Robinson, D. Clark who had with him a subscription for printing a Treatise on Crimes and Punishments, to consist of 300 pages, 12 Mo., price to subscribers \$1 - for which I signed. Col Merrill, S.B.

Book signed for. Young, Martin Scott and M. L. Selden. The chief object was to assign to several persons their number of tickets to write and give notice to their friends respecting the caucus on Monday evening at 5 o'clock, and to urge everyone's attendance. The company separated before nine - and as I came

Federal Caucus. past McEowen's observed a bustle which indicated that the caucus which the other party had held there had likewise broke up - was obliged to quicken my pace to keep from falling in company with two of the members who turned aside at Dr Swifts. The Band played in Algiers, but the fine sound was interrupted by the roaring of waters, an ill managed bugle and the humid state of the air. Mrs A. Waters here this evening. We had a dim moon.

August 1817 SUNDAY, AUGUST 31" Cold morning, fine day.- cool NE wind, flying clouds. Despatched friend Jonathan with written messages to

Messages to friends. E. Fay Jr., E. Green & J. F. Billing to notify and request them to attend the approaching caucus - Wrote several tickets, walked into the young orchard - ate apples, laid me down with my face toward the skies, and my little dog close to my side, slept a fine nap stretched at full length - awoke and read Bigland's respecting the Saxons & Danes down to 1066. After supper walked with friends Solomon & Nathan Clark into the young orchard where they partook of some fruit. My Sarah attended Church P.M. The first time in many months.

Crops MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Fair, fine hay weather. Resigned the plow to my pah and took the flail. We will now take a view of our crops the present season. From our meadows and some small pieces of ground inclusive amounting to not far from 30 acres, we cut 33 T. 9 hd of hay. There were 9 acres of winter wheat, which according to a rough calculation, produced 180 shocks - 3-1/2 acres of rye - 37 shacks - 2 acres stout oats N.W. of the N.W. part of the North meadow, 42 shocks, About 2 acres spring wheat estimated at 42 shocks. See pps 211, 219, 332 of Vol 4. Corn was just fit to boil. Vol 4 p. 212. Attended a very full but respectable caucus at Cushman's which consisted of between 80 & 90 per-

August 1817 sons of whom 56 voted for Joseph Hinsdill. Judge Robinson, gen Robinson and Judge Fay severally spoke to exhort their brethren to sacrifice private opinion and untite. The whole meeting resolved itself into a committee of Vigilance to use every reasonable exertion to bring on their friends to the poll. Now as to the nomination, every one would acknowledge the private worth of the candidate, but his abilities as a Legislator were questionable, however, in this respect he stood for fair in comparison with the Federal candidate, Aaron Robinson. Stephen Robinson was my man as well as that of a majority of the caucus, but to conform to a few who appeared determined to be suited with no other than Hinsdill, it

Fassett was thought best to do as we did. In the evening visited Fassett's ball
Ball chamber, where they had 3 musicians at a grand ball

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d

Election

Fair and warm - very warm evening - N. wind. The business which employed my pah on the 1st he pursued the A.M. of this day. I winnowed through the mill, Dama assisting, 3 bushels winter wheat. P.M. attended the poll. The Democrats lost the election, although their candidate was supposed, on account of his coolness and reserve in politics, to be the most popular that could have been selected. Ever since our elections terminated federally, our democrats held up the idea that a majority in this town were democratic, but owing to inertness, want of spirit and organization, it could not be brought into action. At this election I gave it up that the town was federal. It must

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likewise be remembered that the authority which constituted the board, as usual at Freeman's Meeting, was a majority Federal, and in several instances decided most egregiously partial, keeping out such republicans as they could find colour for rejecting and receiving such of their own party as were, under any pretext whatever, admissible. Of the former I will mention 2 or 3 persons, without particularizing their cases - Mr E. B. Brewer, Mr Lorenzo Fassett, Mr Kinsley Scott, and perhaps some others, who undoubtedly had a good right to vote. Of the latter my recollection and research do not extend to their names nor cases, although my authority for what is stated above is good. Partiality was the order of the day. The votes for Governor stood thus - Galusha Tichenor For the David Fay List of Councillors. M. Robinson List. Judge Robinson while sitting in front of the State Arms Tavern got very warmly engaged in talking of Politics and the War - Said that he was heartily sick of this party strife, party feeling, this political division $\frac{3}{4}$ It was true he had had such feelings, but now he had given it all up - wanted all to unite and be Americans &c. When came to speak of the War he gave the federal Priests of N. England some shrewd jeers and most conspicuously and admirably descanted on the miraculous deliverance of N. Orleans, which he thought surpassed anything of the kind recorded in the Sacred Volume. His discourse was directed to his friend (Austin Harmon) federal, but was heard and well received by many who were listening. In the Post Office read some in Priestly's General Policy. In the C't house took down from the town book the state of the voters at the F. Meeting, September, 1816, V. 4 p. 213. Wanted to get a list of jurors, but they were not there. The clerk said that he had them at home. V. 4 p. 365. I came home reading

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my paper by the way - Silas Wood and Neighbor Blazedell accompanying me. Friend J.F. Billing overtook us on horseback and made some remarks on the election, which caused uncle Bl. to put in his oar in a kind of milk & water style - had his bottle of rum in his hand and took his little quarreller home with him from Dimmick's - they almost got into war ere they left me. A loud report of a gun was heard about 9 o'clock in the eve'g from that quarter.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d

H. Swift
S H Black-
mer

E. B. Brewer
Apples

Another very warm day & evening - Cloudy and slight rain at night - Went to mill - had Parsons horse & waggon. Rode to S.B. Youngs' office to enquire respecting the election. Came home and threshed 100 rye shieves. Father & Chauncy made the plough go. Dr H. Swift & friend S.H. Blackmer visited our young orchard to get some fruit - Saw friend Brewer this morning against P's shop on a walk - spoke with him on his rejection from the poll. Mrs Duncan here on a visit - gaining health - had been sick about 8 weeks. Those frosts in June cut off fruit very considerable in this part of the country - apples few and nurly.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th It had been an extremely warm night & so continued pretty much through this day - A heavy thunder shower this morning. The ploughing was a little interrupted by rain, but progressed ahead. I took Parsons' horse & Waggon, had the harrows teeth sharpened at Col Norton's - visited Swift & Hydes', Post & Printing offices. At the former place bought 1 oz camphorgum, paper of ink powder at 25 cents, and a long necked Hartford bottle for 12-1/2 - At Clark's bought another paper of ink-powder for 1/0, went to the store and returned the other. Saw Mr D. Weeks and his neighbor Colvin there - the former paid over some money to Hyde, which the latter at first refused to take without a discount of 3 percent, but Mr W. called him down from his shop & saying Hyde - I'll have none of your discounts here - these are good bills and you will pass them at their full value - H. said they were not current bills, however ordered Norman to give credit for \$5.00 to Weeks without a discount. Likewise saw a pretty corpulent pleasant looking physician there from a neighboring town who I did not know, doing business in his line. Gen Robinson informed me that Mr Park who borrowed cash of him upon the strength of that note mentioned p.20 had failed to perform his promise of bringing him the money in ten days - Went to mill-came home and went to threshing rye. Mrs Dunc'n ended her vis't and went home. Mrs A. Waters here this P.M. Mr Snow, one of our reapers, came in and received pay in full for his services - his demand was \$1.50 - had been lame in his feet ever since working here so that he was disabled from doing business - his feet were poisoned. U.M. Robinson informed me that friend Wm Haswell's lady had a daughter born on theinst. Read English History this eve'g concerning the immediate successors of Wm the Conqueror. Henry the 2d terminated his Reign A.D. 1180. Richard the 1st AD 1199.

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Weeks
pays bill
to Hyde

Note to
Gen Rob-
inson

Snow
paid

Birth at
William
Haswells

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5" Cloudy and very warm. The business of the 4th continued. Mr Parsons went to and returned from Hoosac. J. Norton Jun'r was kicked by a horse. Heard here L. Peter Moore's being drowned in the Battenkill. See V. 4 p 20.

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Flowing
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J. Norton

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th Upon the whole it was a very warm day, or at least it would go for warm if there were no 'very' in the case, although now and then a cooling breeze came from the north. Flying clouds, poor hay weather for neighbor Dimmick who still had more than 25 acres yet to mow. We compleated plowing the stubble ground begun on the 29th about 2 P.M. Chauncey improved the remainder of the day in angling and had tolerable success. The old harrow was repaired - 15-1/2 bushels rye winnowed and six swine, with much trouble, shut up to fat. In the evening J. Rogers accomp'd me to Dr Swift's where friend Erastus met us - the latter and I solicited indulgence, which was granted respecting the payment of borrowed money - See p.21. In this Dr Heman shewed himself, friendly, neighborly, and generous - money being at this time unusually hard to procure. Sister D. arrived from her 2nd days visit at S. Scott's - Mrs Street and her daughters M & L here this eve'g. Friend J. Norton Jun'r had a hard one in the blow which one of his colts gave him, but was able to walk about.

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History

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 Large dew, and cool this morning - Main part of the day, good weather, favorable for corn - a little cloudy. Attended to the papers, wrote Journal for Saturday and a part of the Connecticut Expedition - read English History down to Edward the first who, I think, began to reign A.D. 1272. It was he who attempted the conquest of Scotland, and annexed Wales to his Government. Friend Erastus solicited me very fervently, to shave and wash up, and go with him to see J. Norton, but I indolently put off shaving till 9 at night. Mr Parsons and his

Sept'r 1817 Parsons & Buck brother Buck dropped in here late in the day to see me - they went to the young orchard to get fruit - when returning, called again, the former asking Sarah and me to come to his house this eve'g - we conditionally engaged to do so - told him that the young one was very cross and that I had neither shaved nor changed my apparel which might prevent us from coming - which it did. Charles Wright came to inquire for friend P. whom he met coming from the orchard. I am a little incorrect in this little story of Mr P. and Mr B. - the above conversation took place previous to their walk - they did not call again - it was a mistake writing it so.

Death of P. Moore Friend Erastus learned some particulars by Mr Schenck Fassett concerning his brother-in-law's death (.29) On the 8th day subsequent to that dreadful event he was found by some boys who fishing near the mouth of the Battenkill, but was so putefied that it was thought best to inter him without delay. Mr Stark gave us a dry call, and had a dry reception. (See p. 2.)

Sowing Rye. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th A still, thick, cloudy day - wind S. rather warm Began sowing rye on the 9 acre field (p.23) We set ourselves seriously at work at fattening our swine. Sam Brown was rather too thick with Chauncey to suit my notion, though he was naturally a good boy. Stark came again, and went away again. Said he had worked 3 weeks at haying and harvest in Hoosick - received \$1.00 pr day at mowing - The girls visited at Mrs Waters' this eve'g. Mr J V D Spiegle and lady came down to engage butter, but were denied. Mr Brown, poor man, appeared to feel bad - said widow Seraph and he had dissolved partnership, after almost a year's voyage. He made us a visit this evening. Said he meant to rid himself of the law ere long - we told him no, not as long as he had property that would not take place - he replied - you shall see it will.

SEPT'r 1817 32 Hay & Harvest Grain on hand Indian bread. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th Rain expected in the A.M. - P.M. more pleasant, very warm. We pursued sowing rye. A little done at thrashing. It will be seen by turning to pages 23, 25 that haying and harvest was completed on the 29th. To do which we had to go over about 30 acres of mowing to gather little more than thirty three tons of hay, (see p.40) and not less than 17 acres to gather 301 shocks of green grain. For hire, during this operation, our expences arose to \$60.00. All the grain remaining on hand, except a decent supply of flour & meal, at the end of August was 4-1/2 bbls of oats. No borrowing this year (see V.4 p.210) What was rare in "these hard times" we usually kept Indian Bread, and of no mean quality neither. Lydis and others visited and supped at B. Squires' most deliciously. Wid Waters came home with sister L - Talked much of Mr B. News of A. Wilcox and his family perishing on Lake Erie reached us (p.3)

Dimmick & Green Meeting House Society WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 It was unusually warm - wind strong from the S. A heavy thunder shower at night - Employed as above. Borrowed a horse & harrow of Dimmick & put in motion another team. D. and old Mr Green were haying. The Meeting House Society held a meeting this P.M. which father attended - chose a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen - Isaac Tichenor, Wm Young Henry and Joseph Hinsdill to settle with David Fay the treasurer. Adjourned 2 weeks. Capt Norton & his people were busy sowing & preparing to sow - had about 15 acres contiguous to our field & pasture. The girls picked geese and with the elder ladies paid an P.M. visit to Mrs Parsons & Mrs M.H. Buck. V 4 p.364 See p.30 V.4 Took into our custody a set of cutter lines which Dimmick bro't from Trow's in Adams

Sept'r 1817 33 Our aunt Hannah and cousin Lovicy were here about noon - the former had wove 32 yards of cloth for us, for which her charges were \$2.66 - we had paid her in flour & grain \$1.03 - now rec'd 1 bushel rye at \$1.00 - leaving due her \$00.63

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th It had been a rainy, as well as a very warm night, and all this day it held muggy warm, thick clouds Set in to a steady rain at night - saw it lighten at the S. - Being very wet prevented our sowing in the A.M. during which plowed stubble and flax ground for sowing wheat. P.M. renewed sowing rye, employing 2 teams - Finished sowing rye. Parsons' mare constituting a part thereof - finished sowing this field, containing 9 acres, upon which was sown 12-1/2 ~~acres~~ bushels rolled in plaster. Let it be understood that the field is bounded S. by capt Norton's line, W. by woods, called the Sugar Place, long since disused as such N. by a stone wall separating it from the W. pasture. E. by a rail fence running across through a clump of trees to capt N's line. Mr Andrew Parsons, Mrs Mary Ann Parsons, & Mrs M. H. Buck came on a visit here this PM and were received in the best manner our ladies could devise. Friend T.C arrived too late to sup. I read English History. Ed lllds time. Jonathan here talking away the evening. I remember 11th September 1814

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th The ground was extremely wet, having been drenched with great rains - remained cloudy & warm all day, wind N.W. Visited Dimmick's in the morning on an errand - Saw Dr Homan who came to visit Miss Towsley she being under the operation hysteric fits. From Dimmick's went to Parsons' with the view of seeing friend Andrews lady, but having waited some minutes for her to ~~xxx~~ rise, meantime receiving several Columbians, lent there, lost all patience, cleared out for Dimmick's to amend my errand - then went home a good deal chagrined at not accomplishing the end for which I walked abroad this morning. After a late breakfast still intent on getting sight at a personage about whom I had heard much, whose residence being so distant and her husband being an old acquaintance of mine, and this being the day set for their departure, as well as my business confining me at home, altogether made me very anxious on this head - so down to Parsons' I again pushed - went into the shop where Mr P. & Andrew, old Blazedel and his Termagent, Jonathan & Mrs Buck were present, soon after A's lady came in, affording me a full length view, and the additional pleasure of hearing her speak. She appeared well enough, being rather taller than the generality of females, complexion fair, but neither surpassing in beauty, nor exceeding in deformity, in short although I saw her but a moment she made a favorable impression upon me. She was said to be in her year. Friend Andrew was in his 29th. Having seen this lady and heard the bawdy loquacity of Mr B. and his creature, returned to my work, satisfied. This eccentric female character associated with Mr B. was accustomed to all kinds of out-door work and this day came over driving a yoke of oxen attached to our waggon which they had borrowed lately to draw hay. During the A.M. no regular business was attended to. In going into Mr Dimmicks' field where he had planted corn & failed, some melancholy thoughts came to my mind on beholding so much ground (between 3 & 4 acres next to Dr Swift's orchard) grown up to weeds and trash - Saw some fine black cherries and a lean turnip-yard - Took this tramp to get D's plow, which I conveyed home on my shoulders. P.M. harnessed 2 teams, Parsons' mare inclusive, and began harrowing over the rye-field, but it being soft and not conceiving it necessary to do much to it, left it and with 2 plows employed our selves on the field mentioned p. 33 - Sept 11th - Wid Waters here at eve'g. News of the Sea Serpent being killed arrived per uncle Eph Taylor.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th Cold, and in the latter part of the day hazy - wind N.W., By dispensing with his dish of tea father had breakfast at an earlier hour than usual, leaving the ladies to sip at leisure they not being in readiness, or chosing their meal so soon. We accomplished a good days work, finishing the plowing commenced on Thursday, about 10 A.M. which ended the services of Parsons' mare this week - threshing 100 shieves of seed wheat which we had to unbind

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Albert
Osborn
Sarah-25

and sun - and Chauncey in the P.M. harrowing down a considerable piece in the rye field - Mrs Waters and Lydia visited at Mrs Duncans' - Mrs D. more unwell (see p.28) Albert Osborn with one of his brothers gave us a call on his way to Pownal - perused my newspapers as usual. Read papers myself chiefly this evening and Guthrie on the extraordinary sea animals in the Norweigian Seas. My Sarah entered her 25th year this day. Mr Andrew Parsons and lady departed for Hoosack.

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Sarah to
Church.
Uncle Eph
& Lady.
Sea
serpent.
Montague
& Waters
Hoosack.
Osborn.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 One of your blue, cold, cloudy days. Slight rain at eve'g. It was so cold that I wrote less than the hurry of business required. Perused English History where it treats of the Civil wars between the Houses of York & Lancaster. My Sarah went to Church all day - 2d time. See p.25. Uncle Eph Taylor and lady, who had arrived at E. Waters' on Saturday eve'g, came to our house this eve'g. - very welcome. The conversation ran on old relatives and sea monsters - to illustrate the latter subject, Guthrie was produced and read under article Norway - p. , which was quite appreciable. Friend Erastus & E. Waters travelled on foot to a house in Hoosack about 2 miles below the Falls and returned before they slept. Albert Osborne & his brother called again as they were returning home - had a very pretty little dog that would sit upon his posteriors in an elegant and most winning position, thereby obtaining much of his food.

Wheat
sown.

P's mare
Conant &
lady.

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Theodosia

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15" It continued cloudy & cool - rained in scattering drops great part of the day and settled down into a steady rain at night. After much gazing at the clouds and diffident movements, beginning late to plough the rye stubble (p.8-25) and then quitting it - the flax, barley wheat and spring-wheat stubble field was soon sown with 3 bbls & 6 qts of winter wheat, which was harrowed and plowed in. Had Parsons' mare P.M. See V. 4 p. 332. Mr Conant and lady arrived from Chocunut, Pa., had a daughter with them, aged 11 mo's. V. 1 under Feb'y 25 1811 - Left all in health - N.B. Locke lately married to a Miss Esther ~~Cross~~ Ross. Aed 22, good character. Received from Attica, pr Mr West a letter from Catherine Harwood dated August 20th - writes that they were all in health - had received that money which was sent pr Mr Harmon - p.11 - Her mother felt very thankful for it. Mr West tarried with them one night and he being in great haste prevented her writing but briefly - it is addressed to Diadama - sends her compliments to Emily Robinson and Charlotte Loomis.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th A great rain had fallen during the night which soaked the ground to a considerable depth and elevated the streams much above the usual height - the rain did not cease till late in the morning. Nothing of note happened in the A.M. - in the P.M. the plow was in motion in the stubble - father had the command - A visiting party being appointed at E. Waters', uncle Ephraim and all the ladies, including Mrs Conant obeyed the summons, except Sarah, who did not attend because the child was ill. Not long after their departure, it grew worse so fast that she sent me to have Mrs Parsons come up - and then I immediately set off to W's after mother who lost no time in coming - meantime calling upon Dr Swift, who in a little time came down and administered something in his line that gave relief in some measure - the disorder was canker in the mouth, and perhaps worms. We surveyed a part of the cornfield - thought it would yield a decent crop. Mr Henry Fassett engaged 10 bbls of cider - wanted apples, butter and cheese. Friend Jonathan went to Troy peddling plums for Mr Parsons. Neighbor Dimmick had a large quantity of hay or grass, if you please, in the Dr Fay meadow laying in the swath. Mr Brown - attends court at Manchester. Sam lodges here at night. Uncle E. & Aunt Sarah tarry at Waters. Mrs A.W. returned here. Mrs Parsons shewed herself kind & affectionate in visiting our sick child.

Sept'r Paid to Dr Heman Swift \$4.00 in cash - which I received of friend
1817 Erastus Montague - \$2.00 yet due Dr S $\frac{3}{4}$ Sent it pr Chauncey, p.22
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th It once more, having rained much the preceding eve'g became fair and warm - flying cloud

Dimmicks We kept our plow moving by means of borrowing Dimmicks' mare, while
mare. father, who had steered the noble implement until noon, with mother,
Uncle Eph & Aunt Sarah made an P.M. visit at Mr Eldad Dewey's.
Visit E. Besides our usual daily employment, we now began to find no small care
Dewey. devolve upon us in keeping our swine in provision. Mr Conant in his
Cares. double waggon departed in the morning for Gardener, Mss., whence he
calculated, having left his lady here, to remove a family to that
Conant. part of Pennsylvania in which he resided.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th Cold morning - fine day - clear. Ploughing
stubble & harrowing over the wheat-field
were finished. A general visit from Uncle Eph'm, Aunt Sarah and the
Conn. Waters8, was received. My Journal, kept during the visit in Con-
Journal necticut, was a part of it read - found it a flat, defective thing.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th Fine weather - we mowed rowan and gathered
hops - at the latter Lydia assisted. Uncle
Sept'r Eph'm and Aunt Sarah made an excellent visit departed for home. P.36
1817 Received a letter from Uncle Jonas dated Madison, O., August 17 1817 -
39 answering mine of July 8th - It informed that he was in health - had
purchased a farm that he said was described in a letter, which I nev-
er rec'd dated in June - mourned for old maids, tho't they'd do well
Uncle to emigrate to that State where there were many old bachelors to
Jonas' ceive them - sent his compliments to Mr House & Mr West, to the lat-
letter. ter recommended a rich widow in Harpersfield, N.Y. A land of plenty
there - no want of provision of any kind - transported a good deal -
the winter and season following it up to the date of his letter he
represented in a manner similar to what they were here - all kinds of
grain good and abundant - was engaged deeply in jobbing - had engag-
ed a \$400 job, having bo't him a yoke of oxen for \$80.00 - His old
horse (Vol.4 p) he had swapped away for a mare, a decent creature
which Mr A. Doty had wintered & spoiled. Apples before the first of
June were as large as robins eggs - all kill'd - peaches likewise.
His farm lay in Parkman - Had received 4 letters from me - Vol 4 p's
241, 277, 338, 344, 378. It is lengthy, and very good, but I can go
no further with it. Likewise received a very intelligent, welcome
N.R.Locke and friendly letter from N. R. Locke, Choconut, Pa., pr Mr Smith,
letter wherein he dwells considerably on religion - mentions the deaths of
Wm Granger, and a young man from 16 to 18, named Griswold, who was
killed in a shocking manner by a log rolling over him - the other was
a violent one, happening at a raising - Was married after courtship,
to Miss Hester Ross on the 18th of June - this he mentioned in a droll
Hunting. way. Chauncey had a day of sport, hunting along with S. Brown.
S. Robinson Jun'r, P.M. & U.M.R. in the eve'g visited us.
Sept'r Friend Locke mentions in his letter that wheat came in light there,
1817 40 which it was his opinion it ever would in that country, but rye and
other English grain yielded well. Corn, if the season should favor,
would be good.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th Good weather, flying clouds, expected rain.
From the hog pasture, the border of the corn
field and 2 small pieces of rowan near the barn we collected hay
enough to make, with what was on hand, 34 tons - p.25. Cousin Sam
having helped me mow awhile in the morning - went home - entertained
us greatly with his western adventures. Mr Dimmick at length finish-
ed his great haying.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 Cool, but fair. On a flat rock in Clark's orchard
 Reading basked in the sun, reading Bigland - even slept in
 this position - Spent most of the P.M. writing the Connecticut expedi-
 tion which was compleated - p.14 - Father, Lydia & Sarah attended ser-
 Mrs Streetvice. Perused Bigland in Engl'd from Edward VI to near the conclusion
 & Waters of Geo. lld. Mrs Street, Melissa & the two Mrs Waters' were here this
 evening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 Frosty this morning - cloudy during the day -
 Young hogs rained at night. Early this morning had a severe
 taken out chase in getting the young hogs out of the north orchard, from whence
 of or- they were at last expelled by friend Jonathan and his Pluto. We had
 chard. kept them there 'till this time - 13 or 14 bushels of potatoes were
 dug & washed, began beating off flax-seed. Began feeding a beef cow.
 Sept'r Mrs Laura Hill & her mother took tea here. Mr Clark, one of fathers'
 1817 41 cousins, on his return with his wife and another lady from a journey
 to the Susquehannah country about 200 miles distant, tarried here this
 night - the man had a bad cough.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 Had rained in the night, remained cloudy and
 warm. Contibued beating flax. Mr Joel Clark
 & ladies departed in their heavy waggon - Nr C. quite unwell. In the
 Jona course of the day Jonathan Fassett Esq came to make us a visit.. See
 Fassett V. 4 p. 202. Chauncey went to Cushman's to see the lion, tiger, orang
 out-ang &c. - he was highly pleased - 25 cents admittance for grown
 Montague persons, and 12-1/2 for children. Friend Erastus arrived from Hoosack
 having compleated a heavy stack of chimnies in 5 days. Let me mention
 that in the winter of 1793, this Mr Fassett employed father to remove
 his family from in the Genesee Country to Bennington in the
 performance of which he experienced with the faithful mother and fam-
 ily numerous and serious troubles - the remembrance of these formed a
 lasting friendship between father, Mr F. & his family.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24" Rained extremely hard all the morning - Fly-
 ing clouds the remainder of the day. The
 rain having ceased worked at spreading flax - P.M. father attended a
 meeting of the Meeting House Society - Friend Jonathan assisted us
 about 2 hours spreading flax and then
 Sept'r myself and Chauncey and S. Brown walked to town to see more of the
 1817 42 shew - S. and I had not seen, and the establishment having decamped we
 lost the opportunity - indeed - having no money, had they staid it was
 matter of doubt whether I should have succeeded so well as to get smug
 Waters gled in. Lydia, Diadama & other ladies from this quarter went to see.
 new shop Viewed E. Waters' shop, which had been lathed and friend Erastus was
 building the chimney. To Mr Darias Clark delivered 1 lb 3/4th butter
 to pay for 2 papers of ink-powder, received my papers and staid to read
 U.M. & S a little while - Visited cousins Uel & Sam at the Post Office - many
 Robinson little cheering jests passed on the occasion. In these visits friend
 Jonathan discovered uneasiness to see me delay looking at papers and
 books so much - U.M. had an English work by Mrs West, "On the Manners
 Birth at of our Ancestors" - Some part of the grandees had a ball this eve'g.
 Parsons Mr Parsons rallied Sarah & other ladies at an early hour in the morning
 and within a short period a smart boy was announced - being his fifth
 living child. Toward noon Mr Fassett cleared out. In the evening Mr
 Doty & Doty & lady arrived from Wilmington. Erastus & Wid. Waters here this
 Lady night. The former had received a letter from his sister Theodosia,
 which it appeared was written previous to her husbands death. P.31.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25" Cool & wet in the morning - mild, cloudy & hazy. Began cutting up corn in the usual way with us. V. 4 p. 255 P.M. Mr Weeks & lady, Mr Doty & lady were entertained here.

Cutting up corn

Sept'r 1817 43 W. - visited Thoeodosia at Attica, N.Y. who with her family were in good health, but in rather narrow circumstances, but not in a state of despair - prospect not entirely shaded - See P's 3d & 36. Our corn appeared to be good and so far advanced as to be nearly dafé from frost. Corn pretty generally good through the country.

West's arrival fr Attica. Corn.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Fine day - wind S. Continued cutting up corn which we found surprisingly good, when we recollect how small and unpromising it was at the beginning of July - V.4 p. 354, 380, 381. Although father felt anxious to be in his business, yet, he waited upon his friend Doty and lady in the most friendly manner, assisting them in getting some apples and shewing them about the young orchards and other parts of the farm with great pleasure. They cleared out for Mr Week's at noon, where they would tarry the night. People who would drive business ought to rise early at this season, though the practice rarely pervades the whole of the our family, father being an honorable exception. It hindered the work by having some flax-seed to winnow. A meeting of officers took place at McEowens' on the 26th at which they had quite a pull in choosing a major - but at length Capt Sam'l Lacey was the successful cabddiate. Mr Parsons who was of that honorable corps came where we were at work and related the particulars - said he felt quite unwell. Pork, they said, ran extremely in our bar rel. V. 4 p. 366. Leaves were thought fresher thab usual. Paid Dr Heman Swift (380-381) pr Chauncey \$2. borrowed money in full. p.88.

Meeting of officers at McEowens Lacy, Major. Pork gone.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 S. wind and cloudy - near night a change of weather took place, thundered, rained and grew cold - wind N.W. Continued the business of the 26th interrupted some by its raining. In the N.field, where we had often regretted planting corn, found the greatest growth we had yet seen, tho, through misfortune in various ways, the crows and our neighbor's cattle having frequented it too much, it was later than the other field. P.43. Mr West. West tarried here at night, having but 1 horse - Lydia Norton also and Lyd Nortonno horse. Read pap'rs.

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Corn in N.field

Josiah West.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 Very blue, squally, cloudy & chilly.- some hail. Jonathan waited upon the girls in Parsons waggon drawn by the span, to meeting - Mr West rode away. Wrote a long letter to uncle Jonas, partly in reply to his of Aug't 17th treating of his segar smoking, old maids, the season, and neighborhood affairs. See p 39. Informed him of the arrival and good health of Mr House, of Mr West, Mr Brown - and all around - embracing a field quite too extensive for me, as I am neither a historian, biographer or traveller, to think of reviewing. The stove was launched and heated. V.4,p. . More references, p .

Girls & Jonath'n to Meeting.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Cold high unpleasant N.W. wind - cloudy - Finished cutting up corn. That which grew W. of the barn, on the W.part of the field, 2 and 3/4 acres was as good if not better than in 1814 - the other on the lower part of the field next Brown's, about an acre, was not so forward, ears short and close to the ground, but like the other, far better than it appeared to be. In general the stalks and husks were quite green, but on opening the latter, the corn would be commonly glazed or so fully grown as to promise to be good by drying. These remarks, though couched in coarse language are made to assist the recollection at a later day - Late P.M. assisted at thresh-

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J.Rogers ing wheat - sent the letter written on the 28th to the P.O. by J.Rogers who had been grinding bark, which he much disliked - bo't him a new hat
 Mrs Clark in town. Mrs Clark and Wid. Waters paid us an evening visit - very
 & Mrs good and lively. See V. 3 p. 432 and references made in this Vol p 43
 Waters. about corn. Mr Brown butchered a fat sheep here this morning.

Capt TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 A very blue cloudy day indeed, high N.W. wind.
 Squire As were winnowing wheat in the morning, Capt
 with M8g Squire presented the petition of the Meeting House Society to the en-
 House suing Legislature to be incorporated &c for signature, by consent put
 Petition my fathers' name to it. Chauncey was sent to Capt Nortons' and got
 Chauncey. half a dozen milk pans, then went to mill. Main business - digging po-
 Pans at tatoos. Messrs Cowan & Henry Robinson came to agree for 200 cwt of
 Nortons cheese - paid in advance \$20. Mr C. appeared to be a real gent.
 Cheese. Blazedell mended 2 baskets, brought them home, asked oo.25 - requested
 Sept'r us to make out our account, for he quarelled so with
 1817 46 with his wife that as soon as he could arrange his affairs should part
 from her - the truth is he related all the low particulars of their
 contentions, jealousies & flirts. The long & short of it is that this
 Blazedel man a few years before was married and lived in the town of Carlisle,
 Mass., - quitted his old wife and came up to Petersburg, N.Y. married
 to his present jade who accompanied him. He related his stuff over &
 over again, although it was so cold that it was difficult for us to
 keep ourselves warm at work. Suffice it to say that by intemperance
 they were made instruments in the hands of the devil to mutually tor-
 ment each other unceasingly. Mr West puts up here at night. Mary F.
 West. Robinson & M. Street with a Middletown beau came in a short time in the
 M.F. Rob- eve'g - Aaron D. inclusive - Very frosty, cold night. Adeline began to
 inson. have symptoms of the whooping cough.
 M. Street

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st It was a stinging morning - great frost - warm
 West day. Mr West having paid his bill in full,
 \$1.50 departed for Sunderland, Manchester, or somewhere else. We were
 Settlem't fully employed in choars and digging potatoes. In the evening had the
 with horses harnessed to the waggon and father & his son rode to town and
 Pickett & settled book acc'ts with gent'n Pickett and Patchin, merchants, from
 Patchin which it appeared that from Oct 4th 1816 to this day the former had
 charged to B. Harwood \$28.26 - credit \$9.88 - the latter gave a note of
 \$18.38" Patchin's charges amounted to \$77.19
 Oct 1817 add interest \$1.13 - 78.30 - credit \$11.84 - add \$10 paid this evening
 47 \$21.84 - now to be correct add another dollar to the charges and it
 amounts to \$79.30 which left a balance in P's favor of \$57.48 for which
 a note was given. I talked with Henry Fassett about cheese, of which
 Work at he said he'd receive about lbs 120 - Took the papers at the printing
 Hall's office - this made up our evening's business, one thing excepted. A
 S. Rob'n collar & bridle left at H. Hall's to be mended. Aunt Sarah paid us a
 visit - Mother rode to town with her to obtain a musk-rats skin to
 Tea for fasten round Adeline's neck to guard against the whooping cough - rode
 1 year. home with us from E. Waters'. In writing the particulars of the above
 settlements omitted mentioning that I sat down all the tea had of them
 which amounted to lbs 21 - cost 21 dollars and seventeen cents in one
 year.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2d Another hard frost - fair warm day - hazy a little.
 Mrs Digging potatoes still pursued. Father conveyed
 Conant. Mrs Conant, child and establishment in his double waggon to White Creek
 at Esq Cornwalls - this being the 17th day of her visit at our house,
 during which she busied herself drying apples, taking care of her child,
 which had the whooping cough - 11 months old in Sept. Melissa Street and
 Harry her friends, Harry Burnham and M. F. Robinson were here this evening.
 Burnham Mr B. read some part of my Journal - poorly employed I think. Miss M.F.

appeared to be very wide-awake - I fluted dully for them to dance. Our people had finished making cheese about the 30th of Sept and now were deeply engaged in the butter-making business - since the fore-part of Sept - milked 10 cows - 1 being to fat

Dairy

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Friday, OCTOBER 3d Frosty again in the morning - good weath'r followed. Digging potatoes yet. The 2 Mrs Waters spent the PM here. Mrs A.W. tarried all night. Mr Brown and Jonathan paid us a visit in the evening - the former suffered a few slight jests respecting the Law and his courtship. The honorable Mr Davenport and family planted themselves down in the mansion house of Judge Blazedell. See Apl 9th. Davnport Adeline grew restless and unwell.

Potatoes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 Very fine day. We dug 50 bushels of potatoes and put them into the cellar - making in all dug this week 183 bushels - the yield was not so great as it is in some instances, but they were of a good size - We felt fatigued at night - Sam Brown came to see us in the P.M. Mr Booth bo't a small cheese weighing 16 lb and engaged 3 bbls of cider and a dozen or 14 bhls apples for winter and sauce.

R. Booth

Adeline

Adeline very sick at night - Mrs Waters here still, musical & good company. Made up Blazedell's account \$5.52

Dr Swift

visits

Adeline

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th Warm, flying clouds, wind S. Was sent early in the morning to Dr Swift's to get the Dr for Adeline. He came down and gave her something that made her very sick, vomited copiously, which resulted in giving relief. A small hornets nest was procured for her. Took a walk with friend Erastus to Brown and Dimmick's - of the latter he procured a horse to ride to Benvaction's in Cambridge, N.Y. Jonathan started at sunset with the girls and widow Waters to go to singing school, but lost his way, not finding himself till arrived at Joshua Fay's wedding. There was a great shower in the evening - Looked over the Columbians in which there was nothing very important - South American affairs precarious and European politics enveloped in mystery. Posted accounts - 10 o'clock at night - The folks arrived from singing school - it was a mistake about their attending the wedding, they merely "rode round the square" as it is called or by way of Capt Norton's and Capt Hill's - it was very rainy and dark.

Singing School

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th Had rained much in the night - thick flying clouds all day - warm - good weather for grass. Adeline had passed a pretty restless night - early in the morning visited the Drs and obtained medicine which was given, and I believe had the desired effect, for she was better at night although in the morning her fever was high and she was most terribly cross. Dr Heman told me he had been out in the night and got wet - I suppose he meant to have me understand that his business was of the medical kind - He was a-bed while we held a friendly discourse chiefly on books - his table being loaded with them. I recollect Dr Rees Cyclopoedia", Roderick Random" and a volume of Shakes peares Plays - Of the first there were vols - the whole belonging to Gov Tichenor, price \$150. Saw a school bill which he had made out for Miss L. Bliss, which owing to some mistake in her returns he had spent a day in doing, but at last got it right - about \$52 - Coming home called at Mr Brown's - it was sometime past

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Dr Heman

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sunrise and Mr B. had not unbolted his door - to do which I stood waiting for him to rise and partly dress.- they said his intercourse with the widow was renewed - P. With assistance from friend Dimmick the cider-mill was partially raised - Although the ground was wet yet did we dig about 40 bhls of potatoes. Erastus cleared out for Cambridge - See Sunday - Mrs A. Waters had a horse of us, Mr B's son and waggon to ride to Cambridge or Jackson, N.Y. to visit her daughter, Mary Ann (See Journal for Oct. 1814. Wrote a letter under this date to R.B. Stone (p.23)

Cider mill raised.

Wid Waters

R B Stone

J. Murphy

Excused myself for not writing sooner. Mentioned Mr P. and the boy - - p.42 - Mrs P. doing well - child not healthy - Jona. steady and industrious - Chauncey a good boy, had his health - well suited with him - mentioned our wish to see them - noticed some other things, too much to review here - Stated the scarcity of fruit, fulness & abundance of crops &c Cautioned respecting double letters, telling them that the postage of the letter written May 18th Vol.4 p. 340 was unpaid through forgetfulness - assured them I would pay both ways. Mr John Murphy paid us a visit toward evening - Said he held a warrantee deed of a house near Saffords' mill and 1/4th of said mill from Luther Park. We worked till quite dark picking up potatoes - housed them in the waggon-house and north horse stable ; Looked likely for rain.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th It had rained nearly all night, and continued raining very heavily through the day, or till near night, when

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the wind blew very high from N.W. - Went to training at Capt Hills - L.Norton, Capt. Ensign Blackmer not present - Business dull - previous to embodying walked over to the Pocket Furnace - viewed the stoves - (accompanied by hatter Clark) - entered Mr Cox's shop - saw him framing a bed-stead, fastened together by iron screws in such a manner as to prevent bugs from harboring in it in any manner in any part of it. Several attempts having been made - at last the company paraded, marched up street to Lyons' horse-shed, attended roll call and were dismissed. The Capt and Lieut dined at Hills' - In the course of the day I had access several times to friend Turner's establishment of music. Heard Lewis Upham relate how a company in Worcester, Ms., engaged in the iron manufacturing line at Sutton, were broken down - there were 9 of them, including his father - 2 hanged themselves - the clerk, gen ran away with 6000 dollars of the Co's money - the floods and everything else worked their ruin. Leaving my gun and equipment at Hills, walked to town with Capt L. Norton. At the P.O. deposited the letter above mentioned charged to us - talked with Col Merrill concerning money which father deposited with him to pay his tax as stated Vol 4 p, 276 which the former could not recollect how much it amounted to. Col M. had lost his receipt, but promised to look it up immediately - conditionally engaged to him 4 bbls of cider - to Clark, the printer, 3 - to Wm Haswell 5, and to Cushman 4 or 6 for cash. Capt D. Robinson wanted 1 for sauce which together with other engagements am'd to 39 barrels - \$2 at the press - Did business with wid. gov. & came home - agreed to make a little cider for her.

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S. Collec-
tors.

With regzrd to Col Merrill I must state again that in Jan'y he owed us \$8.00 towards cider delivered in the fall - on the 2nd day of sd month my father put money into his hands, how much he does not recollect not however enough to pay his U.S. Tax, which Col Merrill agreed to answer and charge the balance to us - the am't of the tax was about \$10.00 which M. paid and took his receipt for from Draper the Collector, but had now either lost or mislaid it - promised to look it up - Another gingle - a part of the money handed over to Mr M. the Collector refused to take, which was returned to my father - this was not exactly recollected, but supposed to be about \$2.00 See lower part of p.51

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 Rather upon the blue order in the morning - cloudy & rainy in the A.M. P.M. pretty pleasant. Our babe had kept us awake 2 or 3 hours in the night - poor child, she had the hooping cough, how could she rest - perhaps she might have been a little better natured. We made a beginning of gathering apples - the ground very wet - steams high - Leaves fading fast. In the evening put in a horse with Jonathan and Parsons - Rode with them in their waggon to town - agreed to carry next day a quarter of beef to Col Norton and Franklin Clark each - informed D. Clark and H. Fassett that

Oct 1817 53 next week we should make cider - requested them to bring or send on their casks - the latter insisted on having his cider brought to him at but \$2.00 - to which I reluctantly assented - At Hyde's asked for molasses - they had none, nor had Patchin as Norton said - Pickett, if he had any, it was poor - so took my jug and marched down to M.D. Robinson's - he had it on hand, but his price did not suit, not the first quality and asked 4/9 - did not buy - called at E. Waters new shop, brought away a collar and bridle mended by H. Hall - Hull not present - Waters handed them to me himself & and then came with me to his house - P.47 - Got home a few moments previous to the return of the waggon - Chauncey was a passenger - At Hyde's saw a nice portable writing desk, the first I had ever seen - belonginb to Gen Robinson's lady. Sam'l Brown and Mrs S. Brown Waters returned from Cambridge - P.50 - had bad luck - another waggon ran foul of them and broke the thills, no other serious accident occurred. Mr Blazedell offered to exchange a town order for a note against Town Order D. MC Eowen of three dollars, the order being for a like sum - agreeing received to pay 25 cents discount - allowing us to hold the note until he procured said 25 cents - I endorsed \$2.75 on the back of it. This was a Blazedell bargain made for his accommodation, he having settled accounts with McE. - the note had been due some time, payable in cash, but the order would only pay taxes in the winter. Again visit the P.O. Col M. had not found the receipt - Mrs Street here this P.M.

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54 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 Wind S.W. and very cloudy in the morning - About 10 A.M. sat into a steady rain which lasted till late P.M. - most of the time the wind came chilly from the N.W. - quite chill at night. A bull nearly 3 years old which friend Dimmick shot & afterwards assisted by Mr N. Downs, dressed, being quartered I conveyed the hind quarters to town, accomp'd by fr'd Parsons - had them weighed and sold 100 lbs to Col Norton, but the other quarter weighing 109 lbs, by Pickett's steel-yards, Mr C., the latter, on account of its being too lean, although it was good grass fed bull beef, refused to take, which I in vain tried to put off - all being averse to b's beef - so brought it home again - this was not all that was transacted in town - carried to Hyde to Hyde's 18-3/4 lb butter at 20" - agreed to have enough more to come to \$5. and pay the next Saturday. Received of Moses D. Robinson, 1 1/2 bo't of gallons molasses - paid 75 cents - agreed to pay the ballance immediately - 37 cents. Wanted to go to S. Scott's to get the waggon mended, but it raining so and the cumber of my beef prevented me - among the rest visited the P.O. - Clark's hatter shop to see about a hat without agreeing for one - and Young's law office - looked at the map of England - Parsons & Hays were also there - H. Hull, ye Clerk, present. The beef being brought home was including a forequarter, after much hesitation and prevarication on his part, sold to friend Parsons, amounting in all to 229 lb at 3 1/2 cents pr lb - the bulls quarters weighed 461, hide 6 lb - rough tallow telo 18 lb - Carried the hide to P. to be tanned for us - Drove the waggon

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to Sam Scott's, with instructions to have the fore axletree repaired and a new bottom made, to be charged to Parsons; the latter having consented to do so, the former agreeing to the same. Saw a few ladies there at a quilting, which was held in the shop chamber. Mr S. invited me to sup with them, which I did - felt a little awkward - acted so I presume - great profusion of honey &c., all things in order and good. Mr S. talked much respecting the Grand Canal, in which he like me believed much, the state of politics in Connecticut, where Democracy had lately completely triumphed, federalism having put itself down by its own inordinate thirst of power, which in that State they had most monstrously abused - a new constitution would soon be framed - and Mr S. also observed how anxious he felt to have this town democratic, mentioned his apprehension of various causes which would operate the destruction of the g't R. party in the U.S. Promised to do the work by Sat-

urday ensuing. He highly recommended and informed me where I might find a hornets' nest for the hooping cough - Left my harness, riding home on horseback. Mrs S. was sorry I had not bro't the beef to him. I had th tho't of it & should have done so if I had known he wanted it.

In pur- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 Blue, rainy, sloppy, cloudy & unpleasant. The hypo
suit of raged this morning - my dad felt discouraged - the
hired as- weather continued so adverse to our business. I went to neighbor Gaines'
sistance to see if I could hire Russell Hurd, but 2 or 3 days previously he had
engaged himself to Capt Norton for 3 months at 8 doll's pr month.
After breakfast rode to Mr

Oct 1817 Jesse Downs', talked a good while with his son Lorenzo, the shoe-maker -
56 liked him and judged him to be persevering - hired Daniel Downs, a youth
D.Downs of 18, for a month or 3 weeks as the case might be, at the rate of \$9.50"
pr month - Called at Mr Cady's and got him to assist me to find a hornets
nest said to be in his woods, but it could not be found - he gave me a
small part of one they had in the house, procured some worm wood, and
came home - Never was at Mr J.D's before. My rout home was by way of Old
Mr D's across Cady's woods to look for the nest previous to calling at
C's - Some oats were threshed, and flax turned. Chauncey went to mill
for E.Waters at night, got back after dark. Mountains at the east capt
Snow with snow. Mrs Street here on a visit this P.M. - We visited a short
Parsons time at neighbor Chat's - the boy was better - Neighbor P. complained of
bull beef his bull beef - we thought rather unreasonably. To perform this ride
above mentioned, borrowed Mr Brown's saddle and as I carried it home, saw
Wheeler a pretty smart looking corpulentkind of a man who enquired the most di-
of C't. rect road to Grenville, N.Y. I replied that I could not inform him, but
referred him to Fassett's or the P.O. where he could obtain the most
correct information on the subject. It appeared that he had put up at
friend Dimmicks', to whose lady was uncle, named Wheeler, from Southbury,
C't - cap't Daniel Hinman was his

Oct 1817 uncle on the mother's side - Capt Dimmick's present lady was the widow
57 of his brother, who was the father of the younger Mrs D. He appeared to
be much disappointed at the unfarmer like aspect which the farm and oth-
er such things offered, said he had heard curious representations of all
these objects from the late Mrs Hinman, which had led him to form an ex-
alted idea of the place. He told me his business was to go to Grenville
to settle his father's estate which was of considerable value but lay in
a situation that might cause dispute. His father married his 2'd wife
previous to getting a Bill of Divorce from his first, which bastardized
a large family had by the last lady, but he was willing, although this
would cut them off from being heirs, his father dying without a will, to
go upon fair terms with them - would accept of an equal share of the es-
tate. Himself and his deceased brother were all of the children there
were by the first marriage. He did not intend to go into the law unless
hard pressed - in which case he should bring his attornies from Connect-
icut whom he well knew - said he had been a merchant 9 years and, if
rightly understood him, in that time had sued but one man. I left him
wishing him success in a fair way without recourse to the Law. The A.M.
of this day was not so very unpleasant as is represented - p 55 - but the
Cattle P.M. is there put down about correct. Immense droves of cattle from the
droves N.frequently choked the highway about these days, passing on to the south

Oct 1817 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 Mild and pleasant. The Clark Orchard & 2 trees in
58 the little meadow were cleared of fruit, which all
Clarks did not amount to more than 22 bushels - this made us despair of meeting
orchard, our engagements - Apples remarkably late - a tree in that orchard near the
remarks centre, celebrated for its beautiful and excellent fruit, which by the
first of October usually became mellow, now yielded but few apples and
those rather under size, all, except the blasted ones, as hard as winter
fruit - this remark would apply to most of our early fruit. Lydia and
Diadama visited the young-orchard and brought home some of its most fa-

J.Rogers vorits productions. Jonathan R. went out to Scott's for us, but the waggon was not finished - p.55 - Mr Henry Robinson rode down with his lady & lady & little son in his chaise and received 18 1/2 lbs of cheese toward the 1 cwt which he agreed for - p.45 - Cousin Stephen Harwood received 4 1/2 bushels apples at 2/0 per bushel. The store of Swift & Hyde was broken open in the night and pilfered of \$130 in cash - Widow Waters came down in the P.M. - staid all night - Mr P. here in the evening - did not believe store bro low at all as he had done in morning concerning his bull-beef, when he ken into roared out some most bitter complaints against it, which nobody obliged him to buy.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 Warm and cloudy - wind S.W. Middling dull - all went to Church but Sarah, Chauncey & myself - Read no great great - Wrote a letter to G.Smeadley - p.59 - D.Downs came on - p.56

Oct. 1817 59 MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 Fair - high wind from N.W. flying clouds. Business went smoothly - Collected 40 bushels of winter apples - 12 for sauce, and a quantity for cider gathered chiefly by Chauncey and J.Rogers Parsons' boys. Jonathan went to Scott's, bro't away the waggon repaired according to orders - no new bottom - bo't at Pickett's 1 lb 8 yd nails Letter to Smedley - fetched down a hogshead and barrel for Fassett - Left at the P.O. that letter mentioned on Sunday - which begins with questions and excuses about letter-writing on their and my own side - Stated that we enjoyed usual health except the babe which had the whooping cough - Mr Parsons & family had honorable mention made of them - p.42 - Friendly compliments from all hands were inserted - Noticed our abundant crops - scarcity of fruit here and the reverse E. of the mount'n. In speaking of Mr P. & friend J. included the 300 hides and skins which they were tanning - rep D. Downs resented them favorably. Edward Stone & children were remb'd - Daniel Downs commenced his tour of service here this day, Horace Dimmick appeared to be engaged in bringing on his apples for making cider. Friend Erastus arrived from Cambridge - had paid his sister Theodosia a visit and Cambridge learned more correct information respecting the death of her husband. His funeral was attended by a numerous concourse of people, among whom were OCT. 1817 his brethren and acquaintance in general. p.37

60 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 Looked very much like rain till noon. P.M. then N. wind sprang up and seemed to break away the clouds - Wild geese chill in the evening - saw a small flock of wild geese flying over - bound south - We dug about 60 bushels of potatoes, a part of the ground Potatoes very wet and hard to dig, but nevertheless felt well satisfied with what was done - potatoes yielded far beyond calculation. All our ladies excepting Sarah visited Mrs Waters - the latter from Arlington. J.Rogers drew bark having our waggon and young mare in the service. A gentleman, who appeared in the character of a finished gentleman called, just at dark to see if we would sign for a book the title of which was something like a Treatise on Solemn & Divine subjects - to be delivered in the course of the coming winter - price \$1.25 - did not sign. Erastus here this evening complaining of a heavy tooth-ache. Great droves of cattle were constantly driving to the S.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 Cold frosty morning - cloudy & hazy - warm about noon - rainy at night - The field potatoes were all dug. On 1 1/2 acres were produced 285 bushels English whites, the ground being situated on the lower part of the plow-field W. of the barn - on the border of the corn-field, adjoining the potato ground, there were 25 bushels more of which 18 were small grown Oct. 1817 - two rows of Ladies Fingers bordering the S. and E. sides of the N. corn-field yielded 14 bushels - add to these 4 1/2 do small grounds at the N. end of sd field & we have a total of 326 1/2 bushels exclusive of those in the garden - p.62 - Mrs Sam Safford received and paid \$1.25 for 5 1/2 bushels of apples for common use. Mrs Hannah & Mrs Lovicey Harwood re-

ceived 5 1/2 do @ 25" per bhl. Sam Brown rode for us to uncle Sam's to obtain a quantity of "skunks cabbage" - prescribed as a powerful remedy for the whooping cough by old Mrs Dimmick - The rain came on too quick for us to get all our potatoes in - S. Brown very kindly lent a hand, making it a point to carry upon his back a 3 peck basket full as often as he could go down stairs and return with it - After which we made him sup with us. The ladies were all very lively and full of song - Mrs P. Waters visited among them this P.M. We were so engaged with our potatoes that it was next to impossible for us to attend to those ladies who came after apples - our ladies took that trouble upon themselves. Erastus returned E. Montague here in the evening. Mr Robinson, for that was the name of the gentleman Robinson mentioned p. 60, left us this morning - kept him gratis, tho' he urged us to recieve pay, if not in cash tried to have us take essence of pepper-mint of which nothing was accepted but a little phial full with which he went to presented Chauncey - see p.64 - S. Brown effected the object of his mission to uncle S's and brought me the Gazette and a neat Columbian of Oct J. Rogers 7, which I perused. Friend Jonathan again drew bark as mentioned p.60. Little Adeline suffered considerably from the whooping-cough

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 Pretty blue & cloudy - several showers of round snow occurred during the day - There was a frost in the morning. Boiling potatoes, shaking & picking up apples & digging the potztoes in the garden, of which there were 13 1/2 bushels, besides washing & carrying in 26 more & threshing 2 bushels of spring-wheat, which E. Montague was carried to mill, constituted the business of the day. Erastus was ill. Jonathan, Daniel & the young ladies including Widow Waters made a party in the evening at Mr House's. U.M. Robinson came down this morning to invite the ladies to a quilting at his fathers. Lucy and Fanny, daughters of Jo Harwood & grand-daughters of J. Day Sen'r made us a sort of pddling begging visit - they disposed of a shawl for butter & cheese and halfway begged a parcel of old shoes. We had now finished digging potatoes, which in the whole amounted to 340 bushels - See p.61 - V.4 p.222. On making a little enquiry among our young people when they returned from Mr H's it was strongly suspected that the aforesaid ladies had stolen the shwl in question. The character they bore caused us (father & me) to make strong objections to the transaction

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 A cold, frosty, frozen morning - hazy & cloudy - Warm from 11 to 3 or 4 PM - a damp chill S. wind at night
Early in the morning about 3 bhls of rye was threshed out & sent to mill 30 bhls of cider-apples from the y'g orchard, twenty more for sauce & Oct. 1817 and winter, the latter by Lydia & Diadama, were gathered, 2 loads of corn 63 drawn in, & a few baskets in the evening were husked. Mr Parsons and Jonathan had the young mare & waggon to go to Pownal where the former bought a dozen or fourteen bhls of apples, and to Solomon Morses' - Shirkshire - to get - say 300 bricks. The evening here was pretty lively on account of Mr P's appearing in the presence of B'n & widow Waters & others tslking very disrespectfully of his bull-beef &c - all evaporated in jallity and good humor - Some fluting indeed was truly performed. As we had completed gathering our fall and winter fruit for use let us go into a few particulars respecting it, not however without giving large credit to L. Lydia & Diadama & D. for their exertions this day. They twice filled Mr P's waggon body gather'g with apples - to enable them to do it, as they selected choice kinds, apples. they had to shake two considerable trees, being at some distance from us on account of their employment - I have so crazily composed this day's proceedings that for what relates to the apples is put over to page 93-94. Commodore Chauncey (S) had 1 or 2 garments cut out at Fullers' while Cruelty his poor old mare stood at the post loaded with a heavy grist - So boys, taylors, and women, sometimes do, but it is cruelty intolerable, tho' very innocently inflicted.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 A slight rain in the night and frost in the morning occasioned it to be extremely unpleasant underfoot till 10 or 11 A.M. P.M. cool & pleasant, flying clouds from N.W. 60 bbls of apples out of the young orchard were added to the heap and the boys, D. & C'y

Oct. 1817 carried to R. Booth 5 bushels of winter and 3-1/2 do sauce apples at 2/0,
64 returned with a butter-tub made by cooper Chase at \$0.75 (00.75) and 3
Apples cider bbls to be filled for Booth - see p.48 - Harry Robinson rec'd for Mr
J. Northup Cowen a cheese weighing 24 lbs 1/4. Mr Joseph Northup, with his lady,
& lady daughter Mary and babe, aged six months fine and springly arrived from
Easton, N.Y., this P.M. - We were all very well pleased to see them, it
being 5 2/3rd years since their last visit, and three since father & moth-
er were at their house - V.3 p. 413 - Mrs N. was brought up by my grand-
mother from the age of 10 to 18, which always made her seem like one of
the family - She learned the tsylors trade in Hoosack, where she contract-
ed an acquaintance with Mr N. to whom she was married at this house, Nov
1806, a fine, industrious, good-hearted man, by whom she had now had 1
son & 4 daughters - Removed from Hoosack to Easton in 1812. Mr N. having
visited Samuel Cards in Pownal to collect money which he could not get,
returned in season to enjoy a very agreeable evening with us. They were
both gay, cheerful & entertaining - preserved their youthful looks in a
very conspicuous degree - Mr P. was of the party.

Mr Robinson We will now undertake to faintly portray the character of Mr Robin-
son. In his person and his countenance he appeared rather handsome, but
his manners and address were highly affected. In reading the Prospectus
to the work to which he wished to obtain subscribers, he assumed all the
gravity, pomp, and consequence of the most finished orator - and in con-
versation he rendered himself burthensome, flat & ridiculous

Oct 1817 by endeavoring to use high words, which he could not manage without in-
65 troducing much of our common yankee, and by repeating the words "Ma'm" 7
and "Sir" at the beginning and end of every sentence. He stated his na-
tive town to be Granby, Ms., but mentioned neither his residence nor pur-
suit - appeared to be about 20 years of age - We were at a loss what
employment to assign to him, but supposed he might be preparing for the
desk or the case. Turn to p. 60.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 The surface of the ground, frozen hard this morning -
air keen - wind steady from the S. - became warm to-
ward noon - grew milder all day - flying clouds. We assisted Mr N. in
getting a few apples in the y'g orchard and as soon as they could get
ready, he and his lady with their children set out for Easton, having
made a short but good visit, which we should have been extremely happy, if
it could have been consistent with their affairs, to have had prolonged.
Friend N. bought his farm, consisting of about 120 acres, for \$2600 dol-
lars - 2200 of which he had paid - The remainder he feared he could not
pay - We advised him by all means to try to hold his place - rather to
hire money than to quit. Friend J. Norton's lady on Monday night became
the mother of her 2nd child, a daughter. Lorenzo Downs was this day pub-
lished. lished to Miss Lois Dunham of Pownal. Daniel D. visited his fathers.
This young man was out the greater part of the night.

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66 MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 It was extremely blue & unpleasant till past 10 A.M.
at which time the N.W. wind which had blown furiously
began to fall - P.M. quite mild - night, still, clear & cold. Mr Parsons
permitted friend Jonathan to work here. We cleared the young orchard
which the present season produced 165 bushels of apples for cider, be-
sides about 23 for family use including those presented friend Northup.
The most fruitful parts were the S.W. corner & most of the trees at the
E. end. We began clearing the S. orchard, but night coming on before the
cart was filled - the grass being long, the apples small and the air cold,

Y'G orchard Mr Parsons permitted friend Jonathan to work here. We cleared the young
 cleared. orchard which the present season produced 165 bushels of apples for cider,
 besides about 23 for family use, including those presented to friend North-
 J. Murphy up, we gladly desisted. Mr J. Murphy called upon us for money, not so much
 calls for on his own, as on Mr Park's account, to whom he had disposed of \$60 of the
 cash. note which he held against us - p.20 - This note he had recovered from Genl
 Robinson - Mr Park owing Smith & Hyde - the latter this evening, father &
 Murphy negotiating the business, credited to us \$5. on s'd note for but-
 Cash recd ter. Col Merrill paid B. Harwood \$3.00 in cash toward butter and cheese.
 of Merril All our young folks were extremely playful and gay this evening - the la-
 Wid. dies, including Widow Waters and the Misses Melissa & Sophia had a regular
 Waters. dance to my fluting. Mr Brown spent a few moments of the forepart of the
 Dancing. evening. Poor Erastus having set up most of the night with a sore leg -
 Erastus sent for Dr H.S. in the morning, whose directions he followed, keeping
 leg. house all day. Father returned from town 9 in the evening.

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J Murphy

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Punchard

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Mr West

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 A frosty morning, but fine warm day - Wind S.W. Again
 Jonathan on the carpa~~h~~, that St~~ough~~he-ah~~2~~Oh~~h~~as~~h~~elendore added to the pile
 Jonathan on the carpet, but though he and his friend Daniel were good
 boys, a little too much nonsense, a little too much conversation going on.
 Widow Waters, S. Waters, Mr Street and Erastus M. breakfasted here - Mr P.
 present. P.M. the ladies visited Mrs P. Waters - M. Street returned to Mr
 Dewey's. Rogers and Downs went on an evenings rout. E. Robinson and Na-
 than Robinson gathered their Winter and Sauce fruit. Chauncey had his
 stint to pick up 35 half bushel baskets of apples, which he finished be-
 tween 2 and 3 P.M., but was much cast down because I insisted on his work-
 ing the remainder of the P.M., e gaging that he should at some future day
 have as much time at his disposal, as he had now gained.

Omitted to mention that on the 20th father saw and conversed with
 Col Merrill respecting the business noticed, p. 52. - the former thinks
 he put into the hands of the latter about six or seven dollars, which
 with what was due from him he was to pay our U.S. Tax, amounting as sup-
 posed to \$10. - some of the money so handed over proved to be bad, which
 was received back - my father thinks \$2. or thereabouts. See p. 51.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Fine warm weather - wind S. South orchard clear
 ed forming a heap of 170 bushels, besides sev-

eral bushels for other uses. Cider-mill sweep raised, friends P. & J.,
 assisting. They dug their potatoes. Mrs P. was much alarmed for her
 child, but it recovered.

John Murphy received \$3 in cash and 2 bushels of apples at 2/o pr bhl -

Erastus M. had horses and wagon to draw blue-hill slate to the ground

where he had commenced building a limekiln on the Atwood farm E. of Capt

Norton's. Lydia visited at Mr Loomis'. Widow Waters took leave of us

preparatory to her departure for Stockbridge - p. 32 - Mr Punchard report-

ed his lady recovering - wanted to borrow for her use (her child having

died) an instrument bought at Swift & Hyde's, Nov 24th 1816, but it

could not be spared. Read part of one of Algeron Sidney's Letters &

some of Popes to Steele and Addison and their replies. Mr West arrived

from Columbia County on the 21st., staid all night at lawyer Squier's -

came here this morning - dined, baited his horse & rode off again in his

one-horse waggon.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23d

Warm and calm as summer - the heat was really

oppressive great part of the day - continued

warm in the eve'g - flying clouds, gentle breezes of wind from S.W. & W.

Birthday

This day completed the 29th year of my age. All that appertained to me
 was the partner of my choice & a fine daughter little more than 16 months
 old - C. Stone lived with me, but was none of mine - a good boy, but want-
 ed good guiding better than I had abilities to do - Felt myself happily
 settled with my parents and two sisters, all harmoniously composing but

one family. As to debts &c. see P. 83

Oct 1817 We ground and put up a cheese of 120 bushels of apples, mostly of the pro
69 duce of the y'g orchard - Sent a hogshead & bbl filled for Fassett, to him
for Daniel whose chief employ't had been during the day, with Chauncey
Cider gathering the fruit, which was thin, in the N. orchard. We worked at the
making press till past 9 and retired. Mr Kemp came down to agree to have about
begun. 50 bushels of gov'r Tichenors apples made into cider - had a singular
Mr Kemp. black spaniel with him, which he called an English Spainel - great at
catching birds - he was of a middling size - Dimmick came to see about
having the cider mill - swore a good deal concerning his brother Sol. who
had just been to see him and invited him to go to Capt D's and hear him
Limekiln preach. Erastus brought home our crow-bars from his limekiln, about
which he was warmly engaged, and staid all night.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th It continued very warm till evening - it then began
blowing cold from N.W. and to flying clouds & smoky
atmosphere succeeded thick clouds and heavy fog on the mountains. Cider-
Flax making, gathering apples, taking up the flax (at which last Dimmick assist
Dimmick, ed, expecting to be paid in work) carrying off cider and husking corn
Fassett & were severally attended to. Daniel performed the teaming. Fassett rec'd
Booth his complement of cider - 9 bbls & 23 gals - R. Booth rec'd 3 do - Father
Montague. was ill in the P.M. Erastus borrowed steers and cart but Dimmick's mare
which he put forward of them, refusing
Oct 1817 to draw, kept the cart and dismissed them. It must be understood that
70 Daniel's teaming consisted in transporting Fassett's and Booth's cider to
them and fetching on empty casks from those who had engaged cider.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 Thick, black clouds, most of the day. - fog capt the
mountains - wind raw and chill from N.W. or N.E. Our
D. Downs friend D. Downs was not in our service this day, being obliged to perform
absent. military duty in Capt McEwen's troop of cav'y in the P.M. We looked to
the cider-press - removed grain in the barn to make room for corn-fodder
and drew in a quantity of corn to husk in bad weather - used the stone
boat to get up 7 heaps. Mr West arrived again from the Northward. The
Company company of Lydia H., S. Waters, Eliza N. and Emma Loomis was received here
this P.M. - Friend Erastus having had our waggon & horses in his limekiln
Erastus M service, assisted about churning & wrote with me in the evening. Chauncey
unwell, no work.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 A right cold SE rain and no rain commenced in the
morning - ended at night in a settled shower. Mr West
Soph. W. and father attended Divine Service. S. Waters came here just at night fro
from L. Norton's, wanted I should copy two singular love-letters written
in my Journ'l for 1815 but I told her I hated to write so bad that I
would put over
Oct 1817 till a more convenient opportunity. About 10 in the eve'g there came in
11 2 ladies out of the rain, who on further examination proved to be my aunt
L. Waterman with her friend Mrs Gilmore from Brookfield, N.Y. - they,
Arrival without guide or gallant, having performed a journey of 120 miles conveyed
Mrs Waters in a one-horse waggon - Left all well. This Mrs G. was a sister of Miss
& Mrs P. Thompson the Tailoress. The folks were called up and they had supper.
Gilmore I could write a long string of mutual enquiries and replies respecting dis-
tant relatives & friends - would time permit - but must proceed onward.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 It rained in the night - wind S.W. rained some during
the P.M. - Evening rained, wind changed its direction
J. West to N.W. - from being mild - grew rough & cold. Settled with Mr West who
pays cash paid a bill of \$1.12 in cash including a corn-broom at 25 cents. Friend
Daniel came on Sunday evening, gathered apples, and took a load of cider, 4
bbls, to Capt C. Hills - A Randall rec'd a like quantity for Dr Swift.
Patty & Sophia W. visited here this P.M. - the latter went off to House's

Oct 1817 to prepare for riding to Arlington with friend Lydia H. - Husked corn this
Parsons evening - Mr Parsons appeared to be engaged about swapping waggons with
Sam'l Loomis about this time. We finished gathering apples - in all about
400 bushels.

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72 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28th Blue N.W. weather, flying clouds, high wind at
night - Chiefly engaged in corn-harvest - Friend
J. Rogers Jonathan assisted at husking in the barn in the evening. Mr Sam'l Safford
Apples rec'd 3 bbls of cider and 3 bbls apples per Wm Wood - cider at \$2. apples
Erastus M at 2/o - paid \$1.95 - Erastus had out steers and boat to use at his lime-
L Downs kiln. Lorenzo Downs came to see his brother Daniel, it was suspected, to
Melissa invite him to his wedding - p. 65, 81 - Melissa Street, gallanted by Henry
Street. H. Robinson, came this eve'g to commence a tour at tailoring. We kept the
cider a-doing.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 Frosty and frozen in the morning - cleared off
warm middle of the day and P.M. but immediately
Corn on after sun-down it grew cold and began to freeze. Husking corn at the heap
north in the north corn-field which turned out not so good as expected, much of
field. it being soft. A little less than an acre produced say 15 bushels sound
Cider corn besides the pig corn. I transported to town 1 bbl water cider to
Col Norton, 1 do whole cider to Col Merrill, 2 do to Darius Clark - the
first at at \$1.25 - the three last at \$2.00 Received in cash from Henry
Fassett Fassett toward cider \$10.00 which I carried to Saxton and had it indorsed
on the note given him on the 1st inst.
Oct 1817 this business being disposed of, Mr P. brought forward papers concerning
73 our affairs with Jonathan Bowers - V.4 p. including \$2. in cash, which,
Bowers as Major B. had summed up the accounts, was to balance them - this I would
not do, telling Mr P. that that could not be satisfactorily done unless he,
Major B. would come and see us so that a fair understanding might take
place, but receipted the money on Bowers' bill, leaving it and the other
Pickett papers with Pickett - paid this money to him - making \$12. paid on the note
Bought of him an iron shovel for 7/6 - returned home with some empty bbls
Chatfield having conversed with friend W. Haswell concerning cider previously, and
& Jon'n spent the P.M. in husking in which business friends Chatfield and Jonathan
Parsons & worked a day each - the former swapped waggons with Sam'l Loomis, the lat-
Loomis ter paying \$10 to boot, as I understood, in teaming - in the evening rode
swap out with Sarah in Parsons' waggon - carried 106 lbs cheese to Col Mer-
waggons rill - 56 lbs 12 oz do to S. Pickett - received from him (not P. but Merril
- in the morning, \$5.00 and in the evening \$1.00 in cash making \$9. with
what he had already paid - p.66 - Took up the Pickett note - \$18.38 -
p. 46 - Settled accounts with friend Darius Clark who had not posted his
books, but acknowledged my credit which amounted to \$12.83 mine to \$13.21
D. Clark balanced by note. Sarah bought several small articles at Picketts -
Safford Robinson was present with friend Clark - Bo't and paid for
Oct. 1817 1 oz castor oil at 1/o. Mr Marsh and Elisha Waters came down to see us
74 concerning what was signed for the meeting-house stove in contemplation -
V. 4 p. 383 - Toward which paid to Moses D. Robinson 75 cents - Aunt Lucy
visited at uncle S. Robinson's - he at night brought both aunt Sarah and
her here, leaving the former & returning home himself - they talked brave-
ly all the whole evening. The girls had company consisting of Lucy Street
Almira & Harriet Harmon. Mrs Gilmore early this morning started in her
establishment for Wells - 45 miles distant, intending to go it in a day.
Col Merrill put me in possession of a certificate signifying that the tax
which he paid for B. Harwood amounted to \$10.26 - p. 52

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 Right cold and frosty this morning, mud stiff. The day fine and fair - wind S.- signs of approaching rain. Having disposed of the husks and stalks of the N. field - the remainder of the day was spent in clearing the field W. of the barn.

Jonathan stone-boat. At first Jonathan and I manned the stone-boat with no other tackle than a chain, but in the P.M. bored holes in her bow & stern, setting up three stakes in front and two in the rear and instead of loading the corn-heaps standing, laid them cross-wise of the boat, commonly bringing seven at a load. But to expedite the business, Dimmick

Oct. 1817 75 who was making cider here, lent us his oxen; a sled was launched which enabled us to get it all placed in the north yard except a few heaps carried into the barn - Jonathan and Daniel who worked and laughed together all day, at night attended a religious meeting at Mr Choat's, Pownal - Father were out till a late hour, & next day made merry with some honest words they had heard spoken. Father caught a bad cold laying up Dimmick's cheese, which contained several bushels of frozen fruit - this he did in the way of changing works. John Murphy came in a great strait for money - he owed Luther Park who owed A. Hyde borrowed money which the latter peremptorily demanded this very night, or he would make trouble for the former. Father agreed to pay him \$20. this evening, which caused me reluctantly to march to town to collect the cash - obtained \$5. in advance for cider of W. Haswell and ten more of H. Fassett, which completed his payment for cider, p. 72 - carried up \$7. besides - in the whole \$22. which I paid to Murphy and saw it endorsed on the note. He wanted I should let him have enough to amount to \$45. which was not to be done without borrowing - that I did not like to do - I said I would do all that could be done - tried Mr Cushman, to see if he would pay for cider in advance - had no money - paid it all away to Pickett lately - thought it very foolish for the people of this town to let the merchants have so much of their cash - he traded with them as little as he could, but nevertheless must trade with them some. Shewed some indifference respecting cider, which

Cushman

Oct 1817 76 he thought he might obtain at a cheaper rate by going farther - told him it would cause do disapp't to us, the market was good - Said he'd have 1 or 2 or 4 bbls. Sent Chauncey who went up with me to enquire for money from Wilmington - none had arrived. Bought of Pickett (for it was at his store that I did business with Murphy) 1 lb bar soap & a box of itch ointment for Chauncey, price 25 cents - soap did not enquire how much the price - Came home about nine. Young Nathan Robinson came up and gallanted his mother and aunt Lucy to their house. Aunt Batt came to visit us. Joun Murphy rec'd 19-1/4 lbs cheese at 10¢, which with 1 bbl cider and 2 bbls apples at the current prices went toward paying up our note due him.

Cheese paid to Murphy.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31" South wind - cloudy - rained a little at night -

Husking - removing the corn out of the yard into the barn, Getting in the beans and husking awhile in the evening made up this day's employment. Friend Dimmick assisted in the evening. The boys were extremely full of fun, taking off all the old women they had seen for a week past. Mother was joined by her friend Mrs B. in her morning discourse on C's having the itch - this was quite an addition to J. & D's stock of buffoonery which they well improved. My dear dad was ill. Erastus came up in the evening full of jaw-ache. Aunt Lucy had with mother and others visited relatives in the N. part of the town. J. Brooks brought down wid. gov. Robinson's apples.

Jonathan & Dan'l

Erastus ill.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st A steady rainy day - wet and gloomy. The day was well improved husking corn in the barn - Jonathan and Daniel full of glee - Friend Dimmick present a part of the time. The boys pleased themselves much with a piece of slanderous information that

Rogers came from a certain quarter respecting D's domestic affairs involving several others, but to which there was no credit attached - the character from whom it originated being notorious for back-biting and mischief-making in every neighborhood in which he had lived. Dimmick got pretty wet in attending to his cider here. The 2nd course of the woodpile was not all consumed a part of one butternut still remained. p.78 Aunt Lucy slept at Parson's. We husked in the evening. Erastus returned this evening not recovered from his jaw-ache. Friend Jonathan worked here 5 days this week and Mr Parsons one - to be paid in corn at 1 bhl per day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd Our aborn assumed an easterly direction, or rather it came from that quarter, chilly and rainy in the morning but there fell little rain or none till late in the day when it snowed moderately. It was such weather that our family all staid from church. Daniel rode home and returned in the eve'g on the y'g mare. D.Dewey Chauncey in Parsons' waggon gallanted Melissa S. to P. Dewey's and aunt Elegant Lucy to uncle Sam's. In Col Merrill's elegant Epistles read some of Epistles. Howel's letters - got but little time to read. Nov. 1817 The following persons were weighed here this day -

78	Lucy Waterman	Aged 39	weighed 120 lbs
	T. C. Parsons	do 34	do 168
Weighing	H. Harwood	do 29	do 153 in heavy boots
	Melissa Street	do 26	do 133
	Lydia Harwood	do 26	do 136
	Sally Harwood	do 24	do 100
	E. Montague	do 22	do 162
	Ban'l Downs	do 18	do 128
	Diadama Harwood	do 17	do 131
	Chauncey Stone	do 13	do 62

See V. 4 p. 245 for other weighings. The preceding page has a reference to the wood-pile. I will now say that there were 2 single and 1 double course of the pile yet on hand. V. 4 p. 323 - 369.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3" Sleety and frowning, cloudy, snow flying like white ashes blown about now and then, not enough to make any show here, but certain parts of the E. mountain were white, however it was not very cold, whiffling chilly winds. Daniel, myself and Chauncey made cider - I laid up the pumice - the 2nd cheese I had ever laid up. V. 4 p. This was a pretty good stack, grew to a commanding height - it plagued me - laid it too small at the bottom, but resolved to let it go as it would - it employed D. & I late - appeared not to have a disposition to go off the press.

Nov. 1817 Ground for Dr Swift 105, for wid. gov. Robinson 15, for Parsons 9 and for 79 Judge Fay 7-1/2 bushels apples, made the last up to 8 out of our own heap My ffather worked at threshing in the barn. Henry Robinson received for Cider himself and Moses Cowen, including what they had already rec'd, p. 58, 74 114 lbs cheese - added to the cash rec'd p. 45 - 43 cents. Henry Fassett Cheese received 113 lbs do - paid cash \$11.32" - We had now disposed of 589 lbs cheese, amounting to \$57.81, going at the rate of \$10 pr hundred except 19 lbs - Had on hand about 400 wt. Heman Robinson wanted we should make 30 bbls cider for him - we declined, but finally father engaged that if Uncle S. Robinson would assist, he would do it. Zeb King and Sam. Batt came this way to find a yearling of Esq'r Hubbell's, in which they succeeded. Dimmick had made 16 bbls cider according to his account at our press - all that he had to make this season half the use of the mill to be charged to Mr Brown. Shelling, and tracing up corn for seed employ'd Wild- us a part of the evening - had no time to read. A considerable flock of geese. wild geese were seen flying from the N. bearing away S.E. - they were noisy. P. .

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th It continued very raw, cloudy, frozen and chilly 2/rd of the day - grew more fair towards evening

Swift's Quite clear and calm in the evening. A.Randall carried off 7 bbls of Dr
cider. Swift's cider - He had attended Russell Potter's wedding the night be-
R.Potter fore or rather the 2d day wedding - it seemed to affect his nerves very
wedding. sensibly. Miss Sally Beeman was the bride.

NOV 1817 Dr Swift's cider engrossed a portion of our cares. The English and
80 French turnips and beets were harvested - of the first there were about
5 bushels, half-way middling, the 2nd were few, not great, burried them
Z Harwood with a few beets in the garden. Uncle Sam brought up aunts Sarah & Lucy
& lady - staid a considerable part of the day - Left Aunt L. here. Uncle Zach-
here ariah, aunt Anstrus, aunt Hannah, and cousin Lovicy Harwood, all came
visiting here in the course of the day. In the evening looked over the
Aunt papers concerning the furniture left by grandfather to his heirs, to ex-
Lucy hibit to aunt L. her share - Some thing was said about her signing ac-
quittance to which she assented, apparently well satisfied. Mother &
Bear Lydia took a ride to Picketts' & Patchin's this morning in P's wagg'n -
killed by bought I dont know what - such surely as they wanted. Sam'l Scott killed
S.Scott a bear of good size in gen Robinson's woods nearly west of this, close
to the Indian field - We heard him fire twice near the close of the day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th A fine day. Manned 4 horses on the floor at
treading out wheat, put down at first 165 and
Payment to the 2nd time 200 shieves for a flooring. Father paid to Lyman Patchin
Patchin. this evening \$10.00 in cash and 7 lb 13 oz butter at 20" per lb. The
girls picked geese - p. . One poor creature was trodden to death
N.Peggs among them. News came to us that Nathan Peggs of Rome, N.Y. had committ-
death. ed suicide. Patchins' scales made 5 oz less weight than our steelwards
Butter this night.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6" A heavy storm was expected from the south, wind
high from that quarter - cloudy - rained some in
the evening, wind very high. Treading out wheat and making cider were
Dimmick severally pursued A.M., at the latter Dimmick assisted 2 or 3 hours.
Daniel to At noon, or past noon, Daniel went with his friehd J.Rogers to his broth-
his bro's er Lorens' wedding which was held at the house of J. Dunham Esq, Pownal -
wedding. p. 72 P.M. assisted at making cider, father laying up the cheese,
Chauncey and Sam Brown feeding the hopper. Went with oxen, horse and
Cider to cart to Wm Haswell's to transport a hogshead of cider (116 gallons) -
W Haswell U.M.Robinson assisted in unloading it. Had some little mending done by
H.Hull to the breech collars - left a draw-collar to be new padded and
otherwise repaired. The late cheese ground for Dr Swift and others yield
ed to him 12 bbls cider, Mrs Robinson 2, Col Fay 1 and T.C.Parsons 1 -
Capt the making of which amounted \$4.00 - p.79 Capt Daniel Warner, eldest of
D.Warner the family to which my late grandmother belonged spent the night here.
He appeared to enjoy perfect health, although turned of 82. His speech,
hearing and gait denoted a person much younger - had spent the last 11
years in Ohio at the village of Putnam on the W. bank of the Muskingum ,
opposite to Zanesville, Muskingum Co., a fine bridge connecting the two
places 600 ft in length, in which he owned a share of \$500., which brought
him in annually \$100. Had with him a newspaper printed at Z'ville de-
scribing the county and chief towns, which with his own description
Nov.1817 was very entertaining - produced a letter from his son-in-law Whipple of
82 Putnam, dated July 14th 1817, written elegantly, containing religious
sentiments and an account of their season and crops - Pretty warm and wet-
then in the midst of wheat-harvest - rather too wet for corn - Another
letter from Mr Culvertson their minister stating what the state of the
Church had been as to numbers since his ministry commenced in 1813 - In
short his account of the county was really charming. Zanesville and

Putnam, around which there are many valuable mills, and factories, are 70 miles up the river in about 39 degrees N. latitude. This gentleman had buried his aged partner some months since left O., either in May or June visited his children and friends in Hardwicke, Mss., Hardwicke, Vt., and other places, was now returning to the former place where he proposed spending the winter - had a good horse and light one-horse waggon, in which he said he had rode 1300 miles. Messrs C.Cushman rec'd 2 & D.Robinson 1 bbl of cider at \$2 pr bbl.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th Thick clouds, calm - wind light from the N.

Cider de- with father at caving up or caving off a flooring of wheat and at the ci-
livered der press - Sent to O.C.Merrill 3 and to Wm Haswell 2 barrels cider, makin
Merrill & ing up to the former 4 & to the latter rising of 5 bbls at \$2. per bbl
Haswell exclusive of transportation - p.81, 83. Jonathan went with the cider for
the sake of having young Nancy to ride to J. Down's to attend 2nd day
wedding.

Nov. 1817 On Thursday Lydia had visited at Mr A.Robinsons', staid overnight at Sam.
83 Scott's - Damia who accompanied her in the P.M. came home in the evening
- went this day to Scott's and returned with Lydia in the evening. We
Debts & made a rough estimate of the debts due at present against B.Harwood which
Produce. amounted to 105 dollars to meet which the produce already disposed of and
about 80 bushels of wheat on hand would amount to 175 dollars.
P's 92, 93, 94, 95.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th Fine day - clear - wind S. By taking great pains

Wheat and working extremely hard 20 bushels of wheat
were cleaned fit for market. Sam'l Robinson received by his son Nathan
Cider 1 bbl cider - Chauncey spent the P.M. hunting with his friend S. Brown.
Mother and Sally, taking Adeline with them, having Mr Brown's waggon, rode
Ride to to Sam'l Scott's - made a bargain to exchange 20 lbs butter for 24 lbs
Scott's honey - carried out 12 lbs of the former and received 21 lb 3 oz of the
latter. They sold to Scott and took an order on Pickett's store, 12 lbs
Pickett's other butter, for \$2.40 the amount of which they took up chiefly in crock-
ery and 20 cents over and above, charged to B. Harwood. I borrowed Mr B's
Cash of waggon, rode to town with Chauncey, altho' extremely dark - received,
Haswell besides many queer jokes from him and Safford Robinson \$5 U.S. Bank bill
Cushman of Wm Haswell for 5 1/2 bbls cider - \$1 due - p. 75 - Rec'd of Mr Cush-
Merrill man \$2 towards cider, \$2 due - received of Col Merrill 3 do toward butter
cheese and cider, leaving due
Nov 1817 according to our settlement \$12.99, but this was erroneous as will appear
84 below. Col Merrill was debtor in 1816 to

6 bbls cider	#12.00
Cr By Cash	4.00
Due	8.00
June 1817 Dr 13-1/4 lb veal at 4"	00.55
	<u>8.55</u>

Then as mentioned p.74, he paid \$6.26 but I
having mislaid that receipt copied p. set
it down

	<u>6.66</u>
Due on the old acc't	1.89
Oct 1817 p. 73 106 lbs cheese	10.00
4 bbls cider at \$2.	8.00
20 wt butter at 20"	4.00
transportation of cider	00.50
	<u>25.00</u>

Here again I find a small mistake of 10"
under committed in adding, but the true
acc't is thus

Cr by cash paid at sundry times including	25.49
\$3. paid now	12.00
	<u>13.49</u>

Cash rec Received in full of Capt D. Robinson \$2 for 1 bbl cider - Saw Dep'y Sher-
 of D. Rob- iff S. Robinson & N. Edgerton Esq at there, busy with capt D. Collected
 inson Jr in the whole this evening \$12. in cash and bought 6 cents worth small
 Dimmicks buttons at Pickett's - returned home before 9. Friend Dimmick had a horse
 tour to and waggon here to go with a load of oats to Chase's Hoosack to pay Mr
 Hoosack. Smith the man whom he had hired and dismissed early in the seas'n.
 Mr Brown was here, said on Monday he would start for Connecticut.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 Warm and cloudy - wind south - rain looked for.

Wrote letters to Gideon Smedley, Anne Waters and
 Ruth Harwood - the first concerning how much cider we should make - how
 much sold, where the money went and what a terrible thing it was to be
 in debt. The 2nd chiefly relating to Mr B's separation from his widow -
 and the eggs & potatoes cooked by her mother when I was there in Sept.
 1815 - The third attempting to do away some mistaken ideas imbibed by
 the person to whom it was sent - urging a renewal of our correspondence.
 Presented our particular compliments to her mother, uncle James, C. Au-
 gustus, herself & sister Mary - Mentioned the death of E. Smith Esq'r
 V. 4 p Lydia and Dama wrote letters to Mrs W. & R.H. - Mrs Gilmore,
 who had arrived on Friday from Wells in conjunction with aunt Lucy were
 busy at preparing for their return home. I have not time to speak of
 their horse & waggon. Aunt Lucy's things were collected and bundled
 together ready for an early start.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th Very warm and cloudy - strong wind from the
 south - Aunt Lucy, having received her legacy,
 amounting to \$40.02", apparently satisfied and in high spirits, with
 her worthy friend Mrs G., a woman of a stout and resolute, but accom-

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modating turn started for Brookfield, N.Y. 5 in the A.M. D. Downs arriv-
 ed on Sunday from attending his brothers wedding- and Jason Bushnell's
 J. Bushnell wedding to Miss Aurelia - daughter of Austin Dimmick - It was said that
 married Mr Moses Hurd Sen'r was married to Miss Olive Noble of Pownal, the for-
 mer aged upward of 70 - the latter (This was not correct - not married
 Last cider at this time.) The cheese put under the screws on Thursday, 120 bush-
 made this els, yielded nearly 15 bbls cider. The last cheese was ground this day.
 season 20-1/2 bbls for Truman Squire, 60 for ourselves - S. carried off his
 quota of cider at night - Elisha Waters pinned a piece of timber with a
 shoulder underneath to the S.W. corner part of the cider-press - made
 or fitted bottom boards to the waggon, made a new stake and otherwise
 repaired it. The waggon was loaded for Troy. Chauncey - gone all day
 to get the horses shod at Col N's. Daniel, a good boy, went to town in
 the evening - had 3 linch pins made and forced Hull to mend the collar
 mentioned on Thursday. There were a good many ways for us to turn on
 this remarkably warm day. In the eve'g made out a true acc't against
 Col Merrill which stood in the full am't at \$25.39 - credited him cash
 \$12. & 25 cents flung in - leaving due \$13.14 To what has been written
 respecting Aunt Lucy it is necessary to

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to add that I furnished her with a copy of a form of an account acquit-
 tance in full which she engaged jointly to sign with her husband James
 Waterman, after which the instrument was to be forwarded us, pr mail
 immediately.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Wind high from S.W. - light scuds flying and
 very warm. Arose early to go to Troy - Anxiety
 of mind made me fret. Started past 5 with 20 bushels (as measured)
 wheat - Called at Capt M. R's to take an order from M.D.R. for a load
 of goods - felt extremely impatient every moment I tarried - knew not
 where M.D. slept - rapp'd at his fathers door - he immediately let me
 in - I told him my business, he replied he would call his son, but be-
 fore that could be done, great deliberation was displayed in hemming,

Journey coughing, spitting and putting on his clothes - at last called him - a
to Troy long interregnum ensued - how I boiled with rage I wanted be going so -
walked to & fro and at length mounted my waggon, determined if he did not
Delayed not soon appear, to go on. But, after hindering me at least half an hour
by M.D.Robhe came forth with an order to Kellogg & Bishop for a load of goods -
inson Then went on with no companion but our little Heeper, being the first
time he ever attempted going to Troy. Capt Hill passed by me beyond
Esquire Hubbells in a one-horse waggon bound to T. Arrived at Wadsworth
at 12 - found some very bad travelling, two trying examples of which
were met with in the neigh

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88 near the house of Mr Stannard beyond the 18 miles stone. Made a short
halt, had a small repair made to the waggon at the blacksmith's - paid
4 cts - Halted at Hoffmans - Hyde & Mr J.Downs halted there as they had
done at W's, but having no loads out-went one - a fellow loaded with 23
bushels potatoes and other trash foolishly gave them chase, but paid for
his temerity by being obliged to go back and pick up potatoes that roll-
ed out behind, his hind-board having jolted out. Arrived in Troy about
sun-down - sold my load at McCoon's for 14/o Y'k the 2d bid. The man
a loft appeared not to reckon so readily as I had seen people and when
he weighed my last three bags, finding the wheat would fall considerably
short in weight, it rather surprised me - thought it possible a mistake
might have been committed, requested him to weigh it the 2d time - mean-
time Caesar had lugged one bag to the mouth of the ready to empty
but had turned none of it down, though the mouth of the bag was open -
wasted some - Lost a pound in weighing - received his bill of weight and
handed it to the Clerk who counted out \$32.47" to me for 18 bhls 34 lbs,
but the man of the wheat-loft I think made it 18 bhls 39 lbs - Was in
distress about my horses - the wheat was coming in constantly to that
store, but none of them that evening took \$2. per bhl - 15/6 the high-
est - Lodged at Maxon's -

Nov 1817 found cousin Sam Robinson there - felt pleased to see him - he assisted
89 me in doing errands around town - we went into a grocery or some such
place where two brothers were playing the half-flute - I played a few
tunes - it was extremely warm indeed - Now I am going over with my er-
rands - Delivered a letter from Mr Bliss to his daughter at the Troy book
store, with a ball of yarn - bo't 2 bhls salt for ourselves & 1 for Tru-
man Squier at 7/o pr bhl - called at Dr Lyman's for molasses - had none -
George, who did not know me, said his father was gone to N.York to get
a supply of goods - bought 2 g'ls moll's at a store opposite - forgot to
settle with R.P.Hart or to buy a side of seal-leather - Returned to the
Inn at a late hour having been down to visit the upper ferry, because
there was ~~eharge~~ where I staid the first time I was in Troy in 1798 at
Mr Doty's - Maxon's stable was very full and horrid warm - The house was
extremely full - among others there were two brothers named Barrel be-
longing to Hebron, N.Y. the oldest of them had 2 of his sons with him,
youngsters. The old man said they were cags, but would grow to Barrels.
These Barrels appeared to be honest civil farmers like most of the compa-
ny present. All hands retired about 10 o'clock. My bed-fellow had the
exterior of a well-informed man, his business was to get some apparatus
belonging to a still - he had on a very ragged dirty shirt, which how-
ever I regarded but little as we lay on a wide bed. Wheat was coming
in fast, numbers were in with flax-seed.

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90 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th South wind and scuds continued till 7 at night
likewise held warm all that time, when the wind
suddenly turned N.W. brought on a most furious storm of rain, which last-
ed but a few moments, moderated off with high wind. The house was
sleepless by 4 in the morning, but no business could be done in the City
till past 5. In the meantime I saw a man in great trouble. It appeared

Spencer
& his
money.

that, in the eve'g, he in a fit of delireum deposited his portmonteau with the landlord & forgot all about it - slept at another house - came with others early in the morning to search his waggon which was in the back-yaed, they did so, nothing to be found - supposed it to be lost - the sweat stood in great drops on his face - a younger brother was with him who said, as well, as he that he never drank any strong liquors, but I am suspicious that that was the cause of his craziness, however at length Mr Maxon looked in his bar and behold the portmonteau was safe there. Mr Spencer (commonly employed in dressing cattle) ordered the company treated - Highly pleased to find his property, of which I presume there was considerable in specie - I should say this man was 26 years of age, belonging to Arlington, Vt/ - Paid my reckoning and got off as soon as I could. Set off for a store S. part of R'n Street, forgot my pocket book with upwards of \$20 in it - scampered back with my heart in my mouth to find it- found it on the bar-room table - went on about my business - bo't 18 lb soal leather at Stephen

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Covel's for 39/o - paid for it - Loaded 3 bushels salt at McCoons - paid for it in the evening - Aettled an account vs B. Harwood at R'd P.Hart's, which including 1/9 interest from July 11th to this day amounted to 6 L 19, 8", paid in full - The Clerk wanted I should trade there, but refused ²/₃ proceeded next to Kellogg's & Bishop's to take in loading for M.D.Robinson, and after a long try a waiter there backed my wagon under the lower part of the store where I received 1 bbl of brandy or rum and a bbl of sugar - receipted it to them - went on till toward the upper end of the town and recollected my bags at Maxon's - left my wagon in charge at an inn - ran back and got them - drove on a few rods, missed my little dog, but it was too late (8 o'clock) to turn back after him, so, vainly calling him, pursued my route, regretting much to leave him. A Dutchman came to me in the street requesting to ride 1-1/2 miles - consented - he was very sociable - named Swartout, his father he said owned a large farm on Troy Hill - had in his hand a leg of beef. Paid me 7 cents. Met uncle S. Robinson with a lady on board a few miles this side T. - advised me to feed my horses with wet grain, make short stops, or I should be out late - at 2 P.M. arrived at Wafsworth's - saw Shubal Rogers and a friend or two with him - Saw Pomeroy Smith on his way to T. About sun-down called at the Four-Corners - About 7 arrived at the store of M.D. Robinson, and unloaded, just before having encountered a most ferocious gust of w'd & r'n from N.W. coming the last half mile.

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Statement of receipts and expenditures respecting this trip.

	Travelling expenses	\$00.69
	3 bushels Turk's Island salt, at 7/o....	2.62 1/2
Expenditures	Soal leather - 18 lbs - 39/0.....	4.87 1/2
	Molasses - 2 galls - at 5/6.....	1.37 1/2
	Settlement of account at R'd P.Hart's..	17.46
	On my return & settle't with Squier paid	00.81
		<u>\$ 27.83 1/2</u>
Receipts	Rec'd of T.Squier including pay for making	
	2 1/4 bbls cider, 00.56", transportation 1 bbl	
	salt, 25"	\$ 2.56
	Do of McCoon 18 bbls 34 lbs wheat.....	32.47
	Do pr Swartout ride 1 1/2 miles.....	00. 7
		<u>\$35.10</u>
	Leaving me in hand, cash	7.27
	What my loading amounted to for M.D.R. unknown	
	but say for 500 w't at 37" pr hund	1.75
		<u>\$ 9.02</u>

Found all well at home and should have reflected with more pleasure on the late trip, if our little friend had accompanied me home, but we supposed him lost, I had sent by uncle Sam to have him get him, as I suspected he would be at Maxon's to tie into his waggon and fetch him home in that way. Father had banked the house and finished making cider.

(On the declivity of Tomhanock hill met Messrs Parsons & Patchin in one-horse waggons going to Troy.)

Nov 1817 We had made from about 420 bushels of apples 54 barrels cider and sold
93 42 12/16 sound or whole barrels at \$2 pr bbl - 1 1/2 bbls water cider inclusive at 7/6 - a small proportion consisting of water - the whole am't being \$85.00 - Sold apples to the am't of \$9.32, total \$94.32 for apples and cider - then add for

Truman Squier, made cider.....	bbls 2 1/4	.56
Susan Robinson	2	.50
David Fay	1	.25
Noadiah Swift	12	3.00
T C Parsons	1	.25
	<u>Bbls 18</u>	<u>4.50</u>

		cents
Cider sold total am't		85.00
Apples do do		9.32
Transportation of cider		1.50
Eabor at making 18 bbls cider		4.50
		<u>\$ 100.38</u>

Cider &
Apples es-
timated
quantity

Let us make a kind of summary of the number of bushels of apples produced in each orchard.

Clark's Orchard, very thin, apples late & small.	Bhls 18
Scattering trees in Little Mesdow	6
North orchard, including Winter fruit	125
South do	210
Young do all kinds	191
	<u>Bushels .. 550</u>

Our winter fruit cosisted mostly of rustings which were pretty fair. Almost every tree in the N. orchard bore a few but the general characteristic was snivling and mean. There were
Nov 1817 a bushels of the yellow withered sweetings - a few likewise of the honey
94 sweets - The only remaing old-fashioned seek-no-furtherers tree bore lightly. The tall trees in the South orchard with the exception of that in front of Ira's house the tough red-sweeting and a sourntree next the SE corner tree and a few others, yielded tolerably; indeed it was out main dependehce on these in this part of the orchard for making cider - For remarks on the young orchard see p. 66 - Saved for winter 30 bushels apples - for sauce 14 - for drying say 8 - in the whole 52 bushels. Had on hand Nov. 12th between 9 and 10 barrels cider - they had boiled down 1 bbl and 9 gallons, for sauce, perhaps the family consumption would amount to 12 bbls for the year.

Cash Here I shall exhibit a statement of cash received the present season
received for Butter, cheese, cider & apples from Sept 30th to Nov 15th., 1817

Rec'd of O. C. Merrill	\$ 29.00
Henry H. Fassett	31.32
Wm Haswell	11.00
C. Cushman	4.00
Cowan & Robinson	20.43
David Robinson Jun'r	2.00
Sam'l Safford	3.40
Asa Hyde	5.00
	<u>\$ 96.15</u>

95 Brought from page 94	Cash..... 96.15
Received at Troy as pr p. 92	do..... 7.27
	<u>100.42</u>
Add what was received of J.Bowers' p. 73 do.....	2.00
	<u>\$106.42</u>

We will next exhibit a statement of payments made within the above period.

Cash paid	Cash paid to S.Pickett.....p.73	\$18.38
out.	to L. Patchin	35.17
	to J. Murphy	32.00
	to D. Downs	8.60
	to M D Robinson & others	3.71
	Omitted cash paid to Patchin Oct 1st	10.00
		<u>107.86</u>

Nov 12th John Murphy received a payment of 11 dollars in cash included above, gave up the old note of \$149. and took another of about \$50.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13th Was a fine day - wind N.W. - carted manure. In
the evening visited Col Merrill and received in
Cash \$15.00 Chauncey finished husking the corn.....p

Cash pd FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th On Thursday morning paid Daniel Downs for 23 1/2
D. Downs days labor \$8.00 - went away cheerfully, was a
pretty good boy - invited him to visit us - see p. 96. This was another
Cash pd good day - Chauncey assisted at carting manure, of which there carried
Patchin out 16 loads. Father crossed the mountain to see about his cattle. V 4
p . (Chauncey paid to Lyman Patchin cash \$17. collected \$2. of C.
Nov 1817 Cushman, in full for cider.) p. 82.
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Saturday, November 15th S. wind and rain in the morning - wind contin'd
Butter del'd all day from that quarter, but not much rain -
Merrill Shelled a grist of corn, which with other stuff went to mill by Chauncey.
Carried 22 lbs butter to Col Merrill, 2lbs to make up his other 20 wt -
Cash recd he paid me but \$2. - provided a way to pay the remainder \$2.4" p.95
Col M. & Judge R. were preparing to go to the S. Let D.Clark have a bbl
refuse sauce apples at his own price - Spoke for a Memorandum & large Al-
phabet. Mrs Alice Young shewed me a new and most elegant map of the U.S.
Received \$8. in cash of Wm Haswell, which made him even with us except
50" transportation, for cider the present year - Paid L.Patchin cash \$3.
Col M. anxiously solicited 20 wt more butter - engaged it if it could be
spared - cared not who had it if it bro't the money. Mrs Y. wanted 50
cwt butter & pay down.

Lost dog returns I have omitted mentioning that on Thursday night or early on Friday morning our little friend Keeper came home - father arose & let him in - He appeared to be greatly fatigued and beat out - P.91 When I met uncle S. Robinson, requested him to tie my dog into his waggon if he found him $\frac{3}{4}$ supposed he'd be at Maxon's with cousin S. - He engaged he would. p This little character during his absence was greatly bemoaned by most of the family. Three split-brooms were bo't of Handi boy 25 cents.

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97 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th Dry cold wind from N.W. - Freezing night. Spent the day writing and casting up accounts. Visited with friend Sarah at friend Parson's - Novels and newspapers afloat.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th Dark thick clouds - began moderately to rain in the P.M. - ended in frozen rain and hail at night. Friend Dimmick and I carted 10 loads of manure, which nearly com-
Dimmick pleated the business. D. came late in the morning and left off early
shovels in the P.M. Chauncey worked more than half the day for friend Parsons -
manure Chauncey went to mill at night, brought home the grist carried on Saturday. Fath-
Chauncey er returned from Wilmington toward evening, having rec'd for 4 young
works for cattle \$64.50 V. 4 p.361 Mr Parsons honored us with his company this
Parsons evening - talked of F. Masonry, hiring girls, selling & buying &c. A
Wil'ton flock of wild geese passed over to the S.W.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th Very rainy and gloomy - wind bearing S.E.,
muddy - We boiled between 7 & 8 bbls of potatoes
for the swine - some regulations took place at the barn - Paring apples,
churning, reading newspapers (by Chauncey) writing (by me) were several-
ly pursued in the ev'g by the majority of the family. Parsons killed
Parsons pork. his noted Pownal hog which weighed rising of 240 lbs.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th Muddy, flying clouds, wind N.W. - chilly -
Chauncey Snowed in the evening. Built a straw-stack -
at Pars's prepared a little for winter. Chauncey ground bark most of the day. At
night I went to Mr Jo
Nov 1817 Norton's to get an iron which belonged to Dr Swift's cart that I had sent
98 there to be mended - It was done - and when he had related a lengthy
story respecting his settlement with the estate of the late Eph Smith Esq
Joe Norton agreeable to my request, examined his book and found that since the last
account Spring, he rec'd of us 3 bbls potatoes, his charges against us amt'd to
56 cents including the present work - leaving nearly \$1 due - potatoes
Young at 50 cents. To what is said p. 94, concerning the young orchard let
orchard me add that it produced about 2 bushels good fair black gilley-flowers
& some few others of grafted fruit.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th A very cold chilly morning - raw & chilly all
Money dealing day. Took \$64 chiefly in eastern bills and walk
ed to town with a view of distributing it among our creditors - Firstly
left 2 quires foolscap paper to be bound at Clark's into a sort of double
Brewer Alphabet - Learned that Mr Brewer was about to close out on account of
misunderstanding between Mr C. and him - Our coloured friend Titus was
Money there relating his adventure as a N.Carolina slave - p. . Presented
a \$20 Coos bank bill to Lyman Patchin which he refused to take without
Cash left discount. Not to be prolix I must say that I deposited with Saxton
Pickett's Pickett the sum of \$8 to take up a note in favor of Lem'l Leach. V4 p 328
Cash left - Deposited \$48 eastern bills at McEowens to be changed for western -
McEowens' Took D.McEowen's receipt for the same.
Nov 1817 Balanced book-accounts by due-bill at Swift's & Hydes' \$4.78 - Called
99 at S.Safford's mill - he could not pay at present but would shortly -
Hydes' \$5..5 due for cider and apples, talked of letting him pay it to J.Murphy
Cash from Saw the latter gentleman to whom was now due from B.H. about \$53. - he
S Safford talked favorably - was in circumstances to wait awhile - out of Park &
J Murphy Hyde's fangs - from this interview turned my course homeward. As I came
Present past Judge Fay's, the hon'l gent'n called me in to receive a present
from from H.A.Fay, being no less than a collection of the official accounts
H.A.Fay of all the battles fought during the late war by Sea & Land - Compiled
Chauncey by H.A.Fay. A valuable and interesting present, calculated to tighten
the tie of friendship subsisting between H.A. and me. Brought home \$8
Butter & of the cash carried out, a 5 dollar Middle District, one of J.Barker's
Cheese 2 D. & Jefferson County bill - two first not current at par.
sold. Chauncey ground bark again nearly all day at T.C.P's - Mother &
Mrs Street visited at S. Scott's - had P's waggon - Melissa brought on
her establishment intending to stay awhile. Father busied himself pre-
paring for winter - rigging barn-yard fence and apple bins. Reckoned
up 258 lbs 9 oz Butter sold from May 21st., to Nov'r 20th - amt'g to 48 D.
08 C. Cheese 570 lbs - \$57.81 - total am't \$106.42. Cousins Nathan &
Polly Robinson visited here in the ev'g.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st Pretty blue - spitted snow - cloudy - wind N.W.
Winter apples Carried our apples into the cellar. 30 bushels.
Nov. 1817 At evening roade with Sarah to town - Sold 12 lbs Butter to Mrs Merrill
100 at 20" pr lb. U.M.Robinson advanced the money, a \$3 Hudson bill - owed
Butter. him 50 cents - went to Pickett's, bought articles to the amount of 90
Leach centd. He informed me that he had taken up the Leach note
note

which drew no interest till due; which was on the 17th of Sept last - Goods bet \$10 endorsed on the 2d of Oct'r - \$6.66 now paid - balance in our favor of M D Robof \$1.34 paid by friend Pickett - p.99. P's new goods had not arrived. inson. On our return home called at M.D.Robinson's store, bought 1 lb Lyson skin tea and 2 qts rum which including a penknife amounted to 11/9. Dr He allowed me 10/6 for the goods I brought from Troy. P.91 . , paid Swift the balance 1/3 in cash. Whole amount taken up 15/3. Dr Swift had Parsons waggon & horse to go to Hands. Friend J.Norton Jun'r & Mr Parsons were & J.Nor- here in the evening. A stranger in a linen frock equipped with a flail ton had entertainment here. In the morning wrote my compliments to E. B. Winslow. Brewer to cousin Harry Taylor, Pittsfield, Mss.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd Chilly & Uncomfortable in the morning, raw weather all day - Snowed slightly at evening - wind unsteady. Mr Winslow, the gentleman mentioned above, took up his line of March this morning for Williamsburgh, Mss. A bargain was made with friend Parsons to have Jonathan come into the house and make up p our winter shoes at the same price given to

Nov. 1817 given to John Harwood heretofore. V.4 p .Wrote a billet by J.Murphy 101 to Mr H. that we should not want him at present. J. to commence his work Dec. 1st. It was a sort of leisure day with us. Father had bus- Billet to iness at cousin Stephen Harwood's - returned home with news that Isaac J.Har'd Webster Jun'r was very ill of the pleurisy. I boiled & baked a quantity J.Webster of potatoes for the creatures - in taking the latter out of the oven was Jun'r assisted by Lucy Street (here on a visit) and Dama, who were heartily Potatoes. pleased to witness the manner and mode of my bakary. John Murphy came J.Murphy over according to appointment and after supping with us walked with me Money not to town - Called on friend McEowen - he had not changed the money left changed. with him - p.98 - delivered back the same bills with the exception of a \$2 bill which he had had the good luck to change for western. With said bills I went in quest lf someone that would change it, but having failed with M.D.Robinson, C.Wright & Capt Hicks, left them at the P.O. to accom W.Haswell plish the business with friend Haswell another day he being abroad with his lady this evening. At C.W.'s saw four grand new maps, published in Maps Philadelphia, of Asia, Africa, America and the U.S. - Friend S.Blackmer had the goodness to shew them to me. At Cushman's - found Capt Hicks Hicks earnestly conversing with his neighbor A.Robinson about keeping book- account - arguing that charges ought to be specific, otherwise a misun- derstanding would ansue - a number of towns' people were present -took capt. H. aside to do my errand. Now this Nov 1817 money was said to be good but not current here, but the reason why I 102 could not change it was because, those to whom I applied had no dealing in that line at present, I mean no payments to make in the east. Rode J.Rogers double on Parsons' old mare with J.Rogers from McEowens - he, R., had Letter fr taken a letter from G.Smedley out of the P.O. by which he learned that his Smedley his Branford friends as well as S's family were in health - Spoke of the affair with the barber. V.4 p - supposed Rufus and he were too rude for P. & J.which was the reason why we did not write him, thinking we scorned & despised them on that account, but promised to behave better next time. It appears that he had not received mine of Oct 13 and that pr Mr Brown P.85 would reach him 10 or 12 days subsequent to the date A.Hyde of his, which was on the 3d inst. Mr A.Hyde was anxiously expecting to receive money this evening by way of friend Murphy thro' the hand of L. Park, but the former assured him promptly that the latter had no demand on him for cash.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23d Raw and very cold specially at night, a small flurry of snow on the ground - wind N.W. Accompanied by friend Montague visited town in the evening. Lent money to Wm Haswell \$46 in Eastern \$10 Western bills not current, to be changed for western current bills to the same amount at the end of fifteen days - he gave me his note specifying the foregoing terms. We were now obliged to fodder our cows and a part of the young cattle. Mrs Street left here where she had visited a day or two for L. Norton's.

Money lent to W Haswell Nov 1817 103 Foddering commenced

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th Real winter weather this morning - very freezing tolerably fair, but cold all day. 12 heads of cabbage were received of Mr Blazedell at 4 cts pr h'd. Sixty bricks & Blazedell 9 1/2 bushels lime received of Erastus Montague, but were returned again. E. Montague built a new fireplace in the south room - answering a valuable purpose. Prepared for treading out wheat with horses. Talked with L. Norton about having a school in this district. I had not seen friend Montague's limekiln till this morning - considered it a lasting monument of his labor & perseverance. p. 69, 70

Cabbages bo't of Blazedell E. Montague Limekiln

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th Much more mild & fair - wind changeable. Pursued treading wheat with horses and colts. At evening attended a thin school meeting at the house of E. Fay Jun - present old Mr Loomis, W. Green, H. Hand, L. Noton and E, Fay, Jr including myself. Mr Wm Harvey personally informed us that he had engaged a school in Pownal, therefore it was agreed that word should be sent pr Mr Hand to Mr A. Booth. Algiers, to see if he might be had and on what conditions. It was concluded that our school would average 25 scholars for 2 months. Another meeting was to be called to consult with Mr B. See p. .

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Green's tour to Ohio. Mr G. entertained the company with some account of his late tour to Ohio - went a few miles beyond Wrightsburgh - the country immensely and ponderously covered with timber, more particularly oak and cheanuts, but after all it did not suit him - S. of L. Erie it was frosty - on the streams the land was too low and swampy. One day on his return to Vermont travelling from 14 miles beyond to 20 miles this side Buffalo, met 49 families bound to Ohio and in that number saw but three men who said they had visited the country, & one of these from the manner of his speaking meant to be negatively understood. Mr West called on us, having lately arrived from below - left a horse in keeping - Mr Brown arrived from visiting his people in C't - brought letters from Widow Waters, Stockbridge, P. 85 Mrs P. Waters and Miss Rachel Bliss were here in the P.M. Mr B. started to go his journey on the 11th inst.

Company

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th Fair with dry N.W. wind - very busy at treading w't. Mr West tarries with us this night, bringing with him another horse which was stabled. I read a few of Howels' & Pope's letters in "Elegant Epistle's". It was said the Isle of St Helena was sunk, and with it all its inhabitants.

West. St Helena

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th Fine, dry, and in part, warm weather - wind mostly N. Compleated-treated-about treading about 800 shieves of wheat & made considerable progress in fanning it. M. Street & tall'Dama were gallanted by Chauncey in Parsons' waggon to town, where the latter lady bought at S. Pickett's, goods to the amount of \$3.52 and at Hyde's \$00.56 paid, in all \$4.8" Mr West paid us 62 cents this P.M. for horse-keeping, Goods bot board & lodging - took away his horses, but at evening sent them back to West & hisbe kept, he tarrying at Parsons. Isaac Webster Jr departed this life, after a short illness, on Wednesday night - aged 18. Mr Champney came in the eve'g to buy shoats of us, but failed for want of a higher bid - we asked 7 & he offered 4 cts pr lb.

Threshing Melissa & Dama Nov 1817 104 Goods bot West & hisbe Champney

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th Fair and tolerably warm - pursued winnowing with vigor, but with tardiness. In the evening attended a school-meeting, called for the purpose of consulting with Mr Booth respecting his teaching here. At first he proposed to take it at 11 dollars pr month, but the district rather preferring to employ him by the scholar at \$1.25 pr quarter including board, he finally consented to undertake so for 1 month, it being understood that if either party were then dissatisfied another meeting should be called, which should adjust all differences. We assured him the school would most probably average 25 scholars and altogether likely more. Considerable was said about exchanging our Franklin for a suitable close stove, it was thought that Capt Hill would accommodate in that way but it was found that the plan would not succeed next day. The state of the school-room was examined, benches, windows & plastering needed repairing. Mr Parsons and myself were app'd to execute the important trust, but by stating our want of skill and time, Mr Hand and others agreed to supply our places. I engaged to find glass and nails and bring or cause them to brought, to the spot Mr P. took it upon him to see about the stove, the result of which is mentioned p. 105. Those composing the meeting were Parsons, Norton, (L), Gaines, Hand, Dimmick & myself - Mr Booth was attended by his friend T.Hills - School to commence Dec. 1st. From the school-house to L.N.'s fided for my friends to march - there we halted till the moon was fairly up, taking a glass of cider and eating some good apples the whilst - Friend N. and family appeared to be happily situated. We reached home past 9 o'clock. Chauncey rode with Mrs Parsons to Hoosick.

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Chauncey
to Hoo'ck

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th Fair and mild, wind S. With much labor ~~brought~~ brought the winbowing of 32 bushels of winter wheat to a close - it was extremely bad to separate from the straw, chaff &c. - Sold 1 bhl to Nath'l Dexter for \$1.75, paid on the Sabbath Bought of Pickett, cut nails, 2 lbs tens, 1 lb eights and 6 panes of glass 9 x 7, glass -50 cents, forgot to ask the price of the nails - Store full of company. M.Street sent by me a pair of pantaloons that she had made for him to U.M.Robinson, left them at the P.O. He unluckily came down to get them himself, not meeting me. A young female swine was butchered by Dimmick for us this morning - weight 135 lbs.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th Mild - wind S. - at night a change took place in the weather - grew cold - wind N.W. Sent pr friend Dimmick my glass and nails to repair the school house, Mr Hand having engaged to do the work this day. The remains of J.Webster Jun were this day interred. Prepared to go to Troy.

J.Webster
Jun'r

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st The wind was raw and chill, otherwise it was fine weather. Arose very early and made the necessary arrangements for the business of the day, but had a vexatious outset - Father led the horses to water, brought them near the house, tied them and ran in to get me to assist about harnessing - while he left them, which was perhaps 2 minutes, they got away and betook themselves to the S. part of the farm - I raged and foamed like a madman till I found them, which was within a little time - though it seemed long to me. Notwithstanding all this the lad Chauncey & I started off in good season with 21 bhls wheat. Made a short halt this side the White house bridge - I stepped aside leaving C. in charge with the team - the day star still sparkled lively - went on to Crandall's near the entrance of Shingle Hollow, there a man met us on a bay horse enquiring if we had seen a man mounted on a horse similar to his, only worth more, having a string tied round his dock, being

Journey to
Troy.

Horse
thief.

Dec 1817 taken right out of the pullies. The boy answered in the affirmative -
108 said the man rode by in great haste, he thought it was somebody after the doctor. Next day we had the satisfaction to learn that the gentleman, Mr Eddy of Pittstown, found his horse in Adams, Ms., the thief being so hotly pursued as to be obliged to alight and take to his heels - had not taken him when Mr E. came away. Found very rough travelling through Shingle Hollow & it was none of the way too smooth this side Wadworths's where we arrived half past ten A.M. - Made but a short tarry - resumed our journey before 12 - beyond Hoffman's took the Lansingburg road, which was generally speaking good - saw a great many loads going in as well as coming out - arrived in Troy before sunset - nobody appeared to buy until I got within a door or two of McCoon's - a young man examined a handful, and after a pause said he'd give 12 shillings - went on to McC's - he looked at it - would not answer his purpose at all wanted that which was fit to grind - had rather have none - by this time my spirits were low - went on to the next store - an elderly man with spectacles on came out & took a sample - examined it with great deliberation - on being asked what he would give, answered 14/6 - you shall have it, said I, with a glad heart. Thks was the store of Isaac Merritt a quaker, and I believe a fair honest trader. His son, who was unwell, assisted in unloading and weighing and

Dec 1817 when the bags were emptied he was dissatisfied with the wheat - asked me
109 how much his father gave for it, replied 14/6 - he said it was too much - it was miserable wheat in his opinion. Attended in the Counting room and received \$36.31" for 20 bushels 2 lbs wheat. Unharnessed at Landlord Maxons' and then went to R.P.Hart's and Dr Lyman's stores, agreed for articles on credit - at the latter place conversed very familiarly and pleasantly with Mr George Lyman who went to school with me to H. A. Fay in March 1806. Returned to Maxons' - Supped in Soldier style - revisited the stores - bought of M.J.Lyman & Son 1/4 hund'd brown sugar, best quality, at the rate of \$17.00 pr cwt, \$4.25 - their price by the single pound was 1/4 Y'k - also 7 lbs Hyson skin tea highly recommended, at 7/o pr lb - 49/o. Full am't \$10.37-1/2 - Credit not to exceed 90 days. Bo't at Richard P.Hart's 2 bhls salt at 7/o and 2 lb Cohec tea at 3/6 - Am't in full 21/o- At a hardware store bo't a set of knives and forks and paid down \$1.25 - beat them down 6 cents - At this latter place cousin S. Robinson, who had been up all Sunday night with his team, had the generosity to be with me. In returning from Lyman's to Hart's halted at a watchmakers to hear a flute - made bold to walk in - but the young man would not play - said his uncle was an excellent performer - owned a flute, attached to a flagellet which cost \$40., was gone out somewhere - the fellow played a little & so did I - cleared

Drowned out - there were two other young men present, an elderly gentleman entered just before we came away - They treated us handsomely. We went to view the body of a man who was drowned by stepping off a scow

Dec 1817 while in the act of setting. He was laid out on board Warren's sloop -
110 appeared to be under 25 - there was a wound in his forehead - he was under but a few moments, many persons present to assist, himself a good swimmer, occasioned various opinions among the people respecting the affair. His name was Burns, belonged to Lansingburgh. The nine o'clock bell rang - all hands retired. It was something singular that farmer Barrel & I should meet againat the same house - his brother was not with him, nor the boys one of which belonged to him. Resided in Hartford, N.Y. P. 89

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd Awake between 3 & r in the morning & was entertained by a long discourse between friend Barrel & a brother sailor never known to each other before, who in their early days had passed through scenes of distress unspeakable - Two other men from Petersburg talked busily of their neighborhood affairs. It would

be too much for me to attempt a detail of their story - I will just mention the names of some of the characters - Wm Wilcox a young man of promising circumstances, Primmers his neighbours with whom he was disputing in law, & others I cannot recollect. Paid my bill at Maxon's - \$00.54" - took my goods & left Troy between 7 & 8 in the morning - took in a boy going up T.hill - a few rods further met my Dutch friend who rode with me when I came from T. on the 11th ult., was glad to see him - he asked after my dog, which I shewed him in the waggon - he was going to attend a court; this boy was to be witness in a cause respecting money lent by my friend to his brother.

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Carried the boy but a little way - Found bad travelling almost all the way to Hoffman's - was glad that I had carried my load the other way - About 1 o'clock arrived at Wadsworth's - Saw one of Col Elihu Cross' sons of Shaftsbury, formerly performed on a violin in a Band. Having sufficiently refreshed, continued my ride - It began to rain slowly - increased 'till we arrived this side Shingle Hollow - met the stage at Crandall's Inn, where I halted a moment to prepare better for the rain. Reached home in safety and much to the satisfaction of my people & myself to find that our produce had sold well, and that no misfortune had occurred - Salt, sugar & Tea suited pretty well, knives and forks would do. Pickett sold tea at \$1. & sugar at 18 cents pr lb - knives and forks at 10/6. Our rain turned to snow in the evening, rough. Highest price for wheat 15/6 - Spr'g Wh't.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd Raw and cold - flying clouds - wind N.W. Friend J. Rogers had been making shoes here since Monday morning. Father had business at S. Harwood's, received a new bucket, had it ironed at J.Norton's - settled with him even on the potatoe score - takes up. p. 98. - Took up the \$53. Murphy note - to do which borrowed \$5. of Mr Brown - received in full of Capt C. Hill's \$3.94" - and the order on S. Safford for \$5.5" was reckoned in. I thrashed some rye.

Thanksgiving

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Erastus
H.Swift
wedding.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th Tolérably cold, but favorable to business. Father attended Divine service - Mr Prime, of Cambr N.Y. gave an exhortation. Our guests at supper were Mr Brown & son Mrs Street and Melissa, if the latter might be called a guest. Fluting and dancing succeeded the supper. Chauncey & his friend S. Brown played all day together. Erastus worked at Almon Ovatt's in Pownal - got home at night. Moses D.Robinson lost a child 3 or 4 months old this morning. On Wednesday eve'g Mr H. Swift was married to Miss R. Robinson; daughter of capt M.R. & sister of the M. D.

Cohoes
Falls

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th Cold day - not much going on - staid at-home all day because I was too lazy to shave - Mrs Street spent most of the day with us - Busy writing. On reviewing my Troy narrative I find an omission of some importance. A little below the summit of the first pitch of Troy hill had an enchanting view of Cohoes Falls in the Mohawk, distant 5 miles N.W.

A walk
with E.
Montague

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th Fair, but extremely cold - a thin flurry of snow whitened the fields but dimly - Dry wind N.W. 'till eve'g, it then veered to S.W. Began the day with thrashing rye, but friend Montague appearing to wish for my company about town, and inclination leaning that way, consented to it. Spent half an hour at D.M Moore's store, lately purchased by Alpheus Taft. Mr G. Godfrey, E.B. Pratt, King Barney, A. Taft and Luther Park I suppose were seen there - Visited the Crossett's Establishment, Cabinet & Waggon Makers - Friend D. Ruttenbur was at work upon their new house - See V.4, p .Went up to Serg't Sears' beyond wid Webb's

Dec 1817 113 in a house lately occupied by Ensign Stephen Webb, removed to Ohio, Friend M. had lent his white-wash brush here and was obliged to go after it himself. On the Flat & beyond Safford's mill the water had spewed over and made large quantities of ice in the road. We next visited Judge Fay's Judge & Dr Fay - he was going to tell me a great political secret, which I had not time to hear - informed me of another affair which I had rather would have remained secret. Dr Fay was there sick, and he desired me to come this evening and watch with him - engaged I would - Friend M. he'd be with me. Smith Crawford was chopping there with a new ax, made by J. Murphy's new workman - a complete thing. Next called at the Post O., learnt the arrival of friend W. Haswell from Massachusetts - then at Pickett's - Saw Mr Granger in his singular flannel close dress trimmed with fur, and had on his head a woolen cap - disputing with a former miller who had been a neighbor - disputing with a former neighbor who had been a miller - and suspected of mal-practice - others were present, - then at the printing office - received my Alphabet & Memorandum blanks, much pleased with them - Settled even - see p. 73, 96. Ran down to Friend Haswell's but he was not at home - came home with friends E. Montague & Waters - the lady of the latter gentleman and Miss R. Bliss visited here this P.M. - all hands in a friendly & neighborly mood supped together - Spent a little time writing and then with Erastus, friend W. and lady marched for town. Called at Judge Fay's to let them know that we intended to perform according to engagement - Called upon friend U.M. at the P.O. - requested him to draw up a subscription for a stove and pipe, which he was to hand to father next day - Visited friend William and received of him \$36.00 in current bills; he had already paid to Patchin

Dec 1817 114 making in full \$56.00 - gave up his note - Did not make him that full acknowledgment which his honorable conduct merited - Made amends next morning by sending him a complimentary letter, relinquishing what was due me as mentioned p. 96 - See p. 102 - supposing myself greatly indebted to W. Haswell him. At Judge Fay's found the venerable Ddcor in the N. front chamber P. 102 doing much better than we expected - was very sociable - went to bed about 12 & rested comfortably. Erastus had Thaddeus of Warsaw to which he stuck closely - I read a few pages in Elliott's Biographical Dictionary of the First Settlers & Revolutionary Hero's, chiefly of N. England - rather hard in some instances against Franklin. Mrs Fay said at N.Y. they found H. A. Fay making money. Her brother Thomas waited upon her down the river and all about the City. Erastus & I had a pretty easy time of it - rested on a buffaloe skin. Spurits and victuals were provided, but a small portion of the latter sufficed. I had liked to have forgotten to write that latish in the evening paid to Lyman Patchin \$2.31 in cash and took up the note given him Oct 1st. P. 46.

Patchin paid in full.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th Early left Judge F's - extremely cold, but grew much milder as the day advanced. Friend U.M. sent me a subscription from which I partially copied, making it more concise - Mr P. and I talked of the school-house stove &c. Father, Mrs Street, Lydia & 'Dama went to Church. Read a little in the Columbian, but was chiefly busied with the pen.

Dec. 1817 115 MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th Wind S. - growing warmer. Thrashed rye. Erastus worked for L. Norton, settled accounts with him and found that his masonry on his building amounted to \$60. Attended a 3d School-meeting - Mr Booth had leave to quit the school by his own request - having received a call from a merchant E. of the mountain to serve as clerk the ensuing year. Did not certainly know but that he might return again and resume the school, if he should not get suited there - His father attended with him, - The meeting was composed of the following gentlemen:-viz, T.E. Parsons, E. Fay Jun'r, S. Loomis & H. Harwood - Much was said respecting the stove - The aforesaid gentl'n signed each a dollar, L. Norton do, and J. Norton Jun'r 50 cents - Capt J.N. said

Erastus School-meeting.

Booth quits

Stove he bo't & set up the old Franklin at 22-1/2 dollars and never had rec'd signed for any credit for it, therefore considered he had performed his part pretty well and ought to be excused from signing anything.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th Moderate cloudy weather - wind S.W. - We had entertained a young widow from some part of Adams, Ms., during the night. She came in a one horse waggon, laden with grain, a small quantity and a few hair sieves - Greased her wheels, provided her with a switch to drive a dull horse and she departed - No Cidermill other name than Sally. The cider-mill was laid up and 16 1/2 bushels Erastus rye were winnowed. Friend Erastus had waggon and horses to convey him to town where he performed a piece of work in his line for wid. gov. Rob He assisted us in taking the cider-mill sweep down
Dec 1817 Father this evening paid cash to Isaac T. Robinson \$7.90 which in addition to 71 lbs cheese delivered him on the 1st instant amounted to \$15 116
Cash paid which he agreed to pay over to his brother J. E. of whom we bought 12 I T Robin head of sheep in 1816. See Vol. 4 p. 275. Sent a billet to S.H. Black-son. mer to inform him that we wished to engage him in the District to teach S H Black-school. Aunt Sarah Robinson and little Heman were brought here by cousin in Nathan - Wrote an order by him to friend Luman Norton to count him Aunt Sara out 100 bricks for friend Erastus, to whom they were to be charged - Order on A mutual separation took place in the family - Myself, Sarah, Chauncey L Norton & the babe returned with some few articles of household stuff to the S. side of B. Harwood's chimney. Dama visited at S. Scott's - saw friend Removal Martin.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10th Thick, cloudy, dark day - Frozen rain at night, Made the necessary arrangements to tread wheat Wheat with horses - 200 shieves were finished off in that way. Friend Dimmick came over to see us, got deeply engaged talking of the revolutionary war, Chauncey in which his father served as Capt. Chauncey had Parsons' horse & waggon to go to mill for us - and then went for P. to Pownal. We found out a great Mistake in grand mistake that I had made. I measured up wheat for friend Parsons selling out of the wrong bin, being the end of the heap, not merchantable, saved wheat. for our own use. Seep. .

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11th Rough harsh frozen rain from S.E. Continued treading wheat - 400 shieves more completed. Friend Blackmer came to see me, engaged conditionally to take our school by scholar at 7/6 pr quarter. Uncle & cousin Sam visited us. S Robin-son Jr Aunt Sarah & Little Heman went home.
Dec 1817 A letter from James Waterman, dated Brookfield, Nov 1817 was received 117 enclosing that instrument mentioned p. 87 regularly signed as agreed upon. He appeared satisfied with what had taken place - very well pleased with the calf-skins sent him by friend Parsons for wool disposed of here. Se P. .
Waterman

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th The storm held on tedious - high S.E. wind, rain and cold. Worked in the barn at the wheat.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th Calm again - flying clouds, wind W. or N.W. We found in the mill 22 bbls merchantable wheat, besides a small quantity of an inferior quality, not intended for market. Parsons' Borrowed bags at Parsons' where friend Erastus spent his day, stove building a stove chimney for the purpose of having the pipe in an erect chimney. position, it being supposed that the stove must necessarily have a stronger draft. Chauncey was sent to mill with the big waggon - carried Blazedell a grist for Blazedell & himself & lady to the Safford factory. Returned with them & received a dram at M.D. Robinson's where they became mellow. Mellissa made a safe return from Waters'. It was extremely muddy.

Bowers Papers concerning Major Bowers are deposited in the receipt and note papers. drawer.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th Arose early and performed a tour of writing - It was thick, cloudy rainy weather, muddy, wind S.E
 Chauncey went on an errand at the W. part of the town for neighbour Davenport, who
 Dec 1817 was sick and destitute of provisions and many of the comforts of life.
 118 Chauncey performed his service on horseback & brought him potatoes and
 Davenport corn. Friend Daniel Downs & J. Rogers happened here in the P.M. and
 distress laughed about Mrs G's drawers, which they said were striped - See p. 85 -
 Mrs G. Between 5 & 6 P.M. visited Booth's - his son had not written - expected
 D. Downs he would on Tuesday next. Agreed to inform Mr Blackmer. Capt Hills was
 At Booths there, likewise a young gentleman and lady in the N.E. corner of the
 Lovers room who appeared very fond of & highly pleased with each other. Called
 Goose. at Mr J. Norton's and brought thence a taylor's goose for Melissa.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th It had rained powerfully during the night & after a short cessation in the morning commenced snowing, which it continued great part of the day - Wind N.W. Five swine were butchered, Dimmick and Montague chief assistants - They, the swine, collectively weighed 1013 lbs - the lightest 173 - heaviest 236 - July
 Pork pigs 1816. Add to the above that which was killed previous to Thanksgiving and it gives a total of lbs 1118, none of which was disposed of otherwise than a few gifts in a neighborly way, distributed among our neighbors. Mother in the evening had the satisfaction of inspecting the cutting up and packing of the meat, friend Erastus assisting, father - chief engineer. Erastus was bitten by a hog in one of his thumbs badly - Dimmick in taking out the entrails cut the heads part off -

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 119 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th Flying clouds - moderate weather - wind N.W.
 Friend Dimmick and Edward Swift came here in the morning and parted off such sheep from ours as belonged to them, after which they were counted and it was found that four were missing - They likewise had not found all theirs - my father agreed to go with them in the P.M. to hunt for them. Accordingly they went, but saw none; Edward informed father that he saw four sheep tied to the fence in their land, about a fortnight since, as near as he could recollect; that Heman Robinson's hired man saw Mr Sam'l Wadsworth, or some of his people, carry those sheep away. He might claim them on account of their retaining his mark, having been bo't by J. E. Robinson & by him sold to us as stated p. 116, but if examined closely he would find our mark added, which is 2 slits in the right ear. Chauncey waited upon Melissa & Lydia to Pickett's in the cutter - carried 'Dama to Fullers' in the evening - brought papers from the office - Melissa staid at Waters' - C. called at W's School. office and learnt that Mr Blackmer did not wish to take our school.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th The wind blew up chilly from the S. - cloudy with signs of a storm. We deemed it important to be looking for those sheep mentioned above, therefore father had taken & I set out in a cutter to visit Mr Wadsworth - After a hard tug up the the said mountain N. of his house, met him a few rods from it on horse-back, on sheep. his way to town, At H. Hulls left a breech-collar to have a belly-band made to it. Informed of our
 Dec. 1817 business and the circumstances related by E. Swift, to which he replied
 120 with some surprise that he had last spring previous to his flocks bringing forth, lost several sheep, & by information from Dr Swift, supposed that some of them had got scattered among the Dr's sheep, that the ewes in question exactly resembled 2 of those he had lost, and thinking there were now no sheep in town that he had sold to anyone, it being six years since he sold them that J.E.R. bought of him made him confident in tak-

ing them as his own - He regretted it much and was willing to make up our loss, although he could not return the same sheep because he had sold them to David Rudd, yet he would either pay the money or 2 ewes & 2 lambs as good as they were - We insisted on the latter, as our flock was small, which he promised to do when he went to bring home a few that Capt S. Blackmer had been keeping for him, and would leave it to D. Rudd to select them, likewise engaged to bring them to us. Mr W. accompanied us as far as McEowens', talked about this affair all the way down the mountain, but betrayed no marks of dishonesty, which was never his character - honest men make mistakes, so was this a mistake. Our ewes which we lost, were pretty old, but the lambs were fine - Sleighing poor - Rode on to the C. Hill - Looked in the C.H. for S.H. Blackmer without finding him - A partnership cause between Spencer and Bates was given to the Jury just as I J Hinsdill came away. To Mr Joseph Hinsdill paid cash \$2. for counterfeit Dec 1817 bills pd pr capt Drake, Oct 21st 1816 on a note of \$41.67 - 3 corn brooms 121 were bo't at Pickett's which with those bought p. 96 and another of this kind bo't at Pickett's on Tuesday amounted to \$1.25 cents. Having Billet to searched in vain for friend B. came home and went for Parsons to old Mr Blackmer Greens' to get hay - he could obtain but 100 @ Talked considerably with his house-keeper, a widow 61, from Sheffield, Mass., formerly, she related Green Sr a number of things respecting the Greens and the story of Gen Ashley's funeral which had much of military pomp about it - Sermon by Mr Judson - Mr G's affairs as well as his personal appearance indicated avaricious Billet to whettedness - He was now in his 82d year, but cheerful & jocose in conversation - would swear upon a pinch. In the evening sent pr Chauncey Blackmer a billet to Mr Blackmer to know his intention about taking our school, to which he returned for answer that if nothing more than he knew of happened he would commence his school in this District on Monday next, - Bright moon this evening.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18th P.M. came on a snow storm from S.W. - in the evening changed to rain. 200 shieves of wheat were trodden out - A tierce for packing meat was bo't of T. Davenport - T. Davenport paid in produce - price \$1.42 S. Robinson Jun'r visited us. Erastus complained of want of business. J. Rogers finished a second pair of thick S. Robinson boots for father which were too small for him - I took them - He took Boots. the first pr which were too big

Dec 1817 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th Finished threshing the winter wheat. Rather moderate and cloudy - wind chiefly north. Sold 1 122 Jed Palmer bhl wheat to Jedediah Palmer for \$1.75 - took the cash. Uncle S. Robinson S & S Rob and his brother Safford were here this evening - carried hence on a sleigh inson. without a box, a bunk for children. Mrs P. Waters who had worked with Mrs P. Melissa on fathers new coat, rode home in that establishment. Sam Brown Waters. and Chauncey being sent to the barn to get a bundle of straw - took an S. Brown affright and ran back the first time. 2nd time by shaming and peremptory C. Stone orders succeeded in getting what they were sent for. Cousin S. R. Jun'r returned home in the m'g.

Sheep SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th Not very cold, but cloudy & chilly - wind W. In found. the morning father selected from Dr Swifts flock a sheep of his own, missed a year since, & another of S. Wadsworth's which he proposed to hold in security till he came to pay as agreed upon Wheat in p. 120 We fanned up the remnant of our winter wheat, the whole amount of 1817 the whole for this year according to the best calculation that could be See p. 127 made was 103 bushels from 9 acres. Like most wheat produced this season it was considerably shrunk, had rye among it, some chaff and fell short in weight, as may be seen p. 109 but there was very little of it grown, none scarcely that was saved for market, and as for the rye, in the latter stages of our thrashing we culled it from the shief pretty clean, got

Dec 1817 enough for a bushel in that way, out of perhaps 3 or 4 of our great floor
123 ings. It was pretty good wheat for this year, better in reality than it
appeared at first view. I suppose we had now on hand 60 bushels, 2nd qual
ity. Late P.M. father and mother rode down to uncle S. Robinson's, re-
turned thence, calling at Pickett's, purchasing among other articles a
Umbrella cotton umbrella at \$2.25 The new coat was nearly or quite finished and
Mrs Waters gallavanted home by Chauncey. Friend Erastus having begun,
Erastus & without knowledge of his business, a pair of coarse boots, compleated one
his boots in ludicrous plight and closed the other, causing much ridicule from the
girls, gave it up to Rogers who made quick work of it, having previously
Work by finished his tour of work here - Viz, shoes for mother, Lydia & Dama 3
J. Rogers, pairs a piece, for Sarah 2 pairs and soaling a pair, for father and my-
for T.C. self 1 pr of boots a piece, pair of thick shoes for him, i pair of boots,
Parsons the legs being an old pair of fathers to thin boots, footed for Chauncey,
besides some mending, making his work amount to \$ - reckoning the
shoes at \$00.50 and boots \$1.25 at \$ The full amount, including the
stock, without adding other expences, would be \$

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st It came on to be very cold - wind N.W. No such
weather before in this season. Attended to
usual occupations. Friend Erastus puzzled his brain studying plans to
over-reach the girls for playing tricks upon his new footed boots

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 22d Very cold morning, continued so most of the day,
though toward sunset it softened down considera-
bly - wd NW. Father and friend Erastus attended Court, the former bo't
Goods at of Pickett a whip-saw, unframed, for 9/0, likewise 1 lb 2 oz hempen rope
Picketts proper for jalters at 1/9 pr lb. Mr Sam H. Blackmer breakfasted here and
School commenced teaching school in this District. In the evening I wrote a
commenced letter to capt H.A. Fay complimenting him for sending the present rec'd
Letter to Nov. 20. Excused myself for not writing sooner for want of leisure - in-
H A Fay formed him of the pleasure I enjoyed in corresponding with him on account
of supposing the matter & not the manner of writing would be looked at
by him - made some other observations to the point, but shall pass them
over - told him that father had been highly pleased with his book - pre
sumed he delighted as much in reading it as - in-perusing did in perus-
ing Bonaparte's Russian Campaign. I believe several errors in orthog-
R & M F rsphy escaped me in this letter - Did but little this day - Chauncey
Robinson went to school. Reub'n & M. Fay Robinson visited here this evening.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23d Mild and tolerably fair. Had on our four horse
establishment treading out spring-wheat.

Erastus

Erastus arrived late from uncle Sam's working at his trade - called at
the Court house and heard a part of the investigation into the conduct
of Joel Pratt 2d - County Clerk.

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Mr Ashbel Noble came late in the evening to get Erastus to work for him
- agreed to go. Mr Pratt was accused of taking unlawful fees.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th Cloudy - wind south - thawed, began to storm
at night. Treading spring-wheat employed us

Erastus

all this day, having trodden out 227 shieves, the whole being 627.

Erastus assisted a short time in the A.M. after which he went to work at
Mr J. Pratt Love's, Algiers. Friend Parsons gave us some account of the Investiga-
2nd Inves tion into Mr Pratt's conduct, from which it appeared that he had not de
tigation parted from the rules of the Judges & Clerks long established - Judge
Fay was the only gentleman who spoke in opposition to him, and he it is
thought would have been wiser if he had not meddled at all. If Mr P.
had taken unlawful fees, it was plainly proved by Mr Skinner from Court
records that all others had done the same - Judge F. had allowed it
himself when on the Bench, but never had complained 'till now. There
had been a remonstrance flying about several weeks against Mr P. which

many of both parties had signed, not through ill will to him, but on account of such practices &c. Another paper in his favor had circulated round & been signed by nujbers, but I never saw either of them. Mr P. always sustained the character of a fair, honest & upright man - well skilled & remarkably regular and quick in doing public business. Private pique seems to have been the foundation of this hue & cry against him.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th Rainy - snow mostly off - wind hauled round from S. to N. about mid-day, but did not freeze.

Spring-
wheat

Winnowed through the fanning mill, which Dr S. was so good as to send home by Edward, 25 bushels handsome spring wheat. At night Erastus arrived from Algiers - said he had seen capt Abel who promised to pay him

Erastus

soon - his due was \$40. Chauncey was fixed up all so spruce to attend a party, composed of his mates, in Algiers. Rode off in pomp on the old

Chauncey

Doty mare. I read Bigland & Spafford a little this eve'g on Astronomy.

Spring
wheat.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th Mild and cloudy - wind W. & N.W. Finished cleaning the spring-wheat of which there was 26 bush

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Waterman
letter
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els & of this, except a very few oats interspersed, 21 bbls was eern-- complete for seed or to market anywhere. We reckon the ground on which it grew measured 2 acres and that by accidents mentioned p. 15 we lost about 2 bushels, add 4 more that had been thrashed heretofore and used in the family and the whole amounts to 32 bbls. The barley-wheat was trodden out. Lent the fanning mill to Capt Norton's people. Erastus worked at A. Noble's. Wrote a reply to J. Waterman's letter of Nov 23" received Dec. 11. Nothing of moment in it - desired to keep up the correspondence - mentioned not having had a reply from cousin Ruth - A. Fay's death &c.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27th Mild - flying clouds - wind S. - muddy. Capt N's folks returned the fanning mill with which we cleaved the barley-wheat, which measured 10 bushels good. Now let us see how much wheat of all kinds was raised this season:

Winter Wheat	9 acres	103 bbls
Spring do	2 do	32
Barley do	3/4s do	10
Total	11-3/r acres	145 bbls

Whipsaw

For rye, corn & oats see p. 234. Chauncey was sent to mill with the big waggon, returned with the new whip saw, ready strung, and it cut sweetly Late in the evening, which was idly, most of it, spent in vainly attempt

Gloom

ing to convince mother that she had some mistaken ideas respecting her children, and that she did not believe what she imagined she did, began

M & L

building a saw-horse for sawing wood. Sama and Melissa returned from

Street

Dexters along with L. Street.

A. Fay's
funeral

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th Mild - clouds thick, air chilly - wind light from the south - ground frozen, thawed on the surface. The remains of Mr Asa Fay were consigned to the grave. He died of a lingering complaint which I am informed was first bro't on when he was leading home a young creature that he had purchased, which occasioned him to exert himself so strenuously as to break something in his side, this resulted in a to-

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tal debility of that side - this relaxation & numbness gradually increased so that for several months previous to his dissolution he was totally deprived of the power of utterance or to move himself in any manner. In this deplorable condition he retained his reason to the last. He literally perished, his body being reduced to a skeleton - Aged 47 - leaving a widow & several children by her & a former wife in Berkshire, N. part of Vermont. His widow was in a declining state, not expecting to survive long. A sermon was preached at the house to a numerous and attent-

ive audience, by Elder Robinson from Isaiah, Chapt'r 38th 1st Verse, last clause - "Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die, & not live" in a clear, impressive & forcible manner, setting forth the imperious necessity of being prepared for death - Addressed the mourners in a very feeling, pathetic & solemn style. Erastus came home this P.M. Mrs Street paid us a short visit - also J. Rogers & B. Loomis

MOMDAY, DECEMBER 29th No particular change in the weather - Dark cloudy - some foggy - chilly - ground crusted with a slight hail in the morning - wind north. Worked (my father & I) at Dimmicks' treading spring wheat - found two horses - D. found two, his mare & B's colt. Mr Brown treated us with vider - shewed me handsome letters letter on droving business from Hurlbert, Hinesburgh, dated Sept 18 - Another from Southbury he said nobody should see. Both these he obtained this day at the P.O. where he left mine written p.126. Sam Mattison, one of the drafted Militia in 1812, and a Mr Hubbard of Pownal, had the misfortune to have their horse runaway with a one-horse waggon, in which they had a bbl of brandy bound from Patchins' store here to that & Hubbard which henowned near the P. meeting house, broke from it, jared the load - bbl of ing, but he'd not in. M. agreed with me for \$1.50 to transport the brandy & waggon to the above place - Harnessed in a hurry - drove as far as Brown's - learned they had procured another waggon & gone on - Hubbard I suppose did this, unknown to M. - We turned the matter to good account by going to mill. Their waggon was cast away this side Dr Swift's.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30th Dark, cloudy & still, wind S. A.M. P.M. N. & late in the day began snowing, but ceased in the eve'g without having more than slightly covered the ground - Worked for D. as above - Nearly finished treading his spr'g wheat of which there were about 600 shieves, bzdy mow-burnt and by reason of having been lodged in the field more than i/3d of it was pretty light - The last flooring was worth all the rest, handsome, straight, heavy shieves. Dimmick worked at his father's. His little boy, Edwin, said he could not go to school for want of a spelling book - I gave him an order on W. Haswell for one which he gladly went after & was greatly pleased with. Pomeroy Smith came up & borrowed our fanning mill to fan 20 bhls spg wheat, with which he meant to start for Troy next morning at 3 o'clock. Said his wheat was excellent - from 3 acres supposed he should receive 80 bushels - He told me it was his intention if fortune favored to purchase the farm - Had paid half of the debts against the estate which at first amounted to 1500 dollars - Read the Columbian & a book called ironically "The Democrat" published in the time of & in opposition to the French Republic.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st Fair and mild, flying clouds from N.W. Mother ill. Dr Swift was sent for and came to visit mother, who was quite ill. We again labored for friend Dimmick - Wm Smith brought the fanning mill there, with which after having pitched off the straw &c about which D. and friend Erastus assisted, Mr B. too some, we winnowed his wheat, which in quantity surpassed all expectation, there being about 21 bushels, but it was very damp and needed drying. We reckoned our labor at 5 days exclusive of horses. D & E ground axes toward night. Louisa Dimmick in a fit of anger pushed her sister Betsey into the fire, causing her to burn her hand badly. Friend Parsons informed me that Mr Allen had sold his stove, so that we had to give up the idea of buying it for our school house - p.105

131 THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st 1818 Fair, mild, still, and cheering weather, though not as warm as New Year's Day 1817.

The heads of the G. Mountain remained all day powdered with snow. It was a kind of mending day with father. In the morning I completed a saw-horse for sawing wood - then taking my account book rode with both horses to Settlem't town - settled book accounts with friend William Haswell, from which it appeared that, including an error in my charges of \$1. respecting H. G. Haswell Spafford, V.4 p.78, which I agreed to lose, his charges were \$8.41 for postage, The Songster's Companion and Watt's Psalms & Hymns, both which Cash paid were \$1.75 - my charges were for cider & the error above \$16.24 which to S.B. also comprised 24" due on sett't Dec 12th., 1815 - Balance in my favor Young & \$7.83 - of which he paid me in books \$3 - Thus "Hubbard's Indian Wars" at \$1.00 - "Cook's Voyages Abridged" at \$2.00 - let me have Mill's Vt Register gratis - the remainder was left with him as a deposit toward Davis Postage in advance - Paid to S. B. Young \$00.50 for a singing book bo't Dec 9th 1816 - do Mr Elisha Waters \$1.00 cash delivered to his lady; do to H. Wallace \$00.76 for skein black sewing silk and to blacksmith Davis for toeing and setting shoes for a span of horses \$1.28 - his price 8/o, but did not exact it all. Bo't on Cr at Pickett's a common coarse & fine teeth comb at 12-1/2 - Got home a little before sundown, Brown Mr Brown came over. Chauncey & S. Brown attended a party at capt Nortons Jany 1818 and played then flute. Mrs Street & three of her daughters and Miss Har 132 riet Harmon here visiting - Esther S't not present - could not attend on account of company at Patchins'. Friend Erastus here this eve'g. It Mrs Street is time to notice our fodder or forage & stock. Although the W. mow had & others been breached a few days, yet we concluded that there was enough in the horse-warn to give us all in the old barn entire besides a considerable Forage & quantity of stalks and an abundant supply of straw of all sorts - To Stock devour the above we had 1 Yke pf 3 yr old steers 4 in the spring, 10 cows, 2 two yrs old, 4 yearlings, 4 calves, 27 sheep, 3 old mares, or 2 old Wood on ones, a young one & 3 colts - Old Jenny ran in the yard with her colts Hand. p.78- the beef cow was not reckoned. Of the wood there remained 2 good courses, the north one being double - began upon the E. end of the S. one this morning to burn - Page 78 - Nov 2d consult on this subject.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2d Fair and mild, but not so warm as to dissolve all that little snow which fell on the 30th. This morn- ing 3 spring pigs were sold - one to Elisha Waters, weighing 106 lbs, Pigs or the other 2 to Mr Brown, either of them weighing 104 & 81 lbs - price Shoats sold being 6 cents per lb - E. Waters' amount to \$6.36 - Mr B's to \$11.10. Harness We threshed out about 9 bushels corn 3-1/2 of which were carried to mill mended. and ground, brought home that harness from Hull's, repaired as directed p. 19. Read in the Jany 1918 a number of pages of Cook's Voyages abridged, highly entertained - 133 Davenport had our oxen most of the A.M. to snake wood. He had had them previous to this in like business, & we had received of him a religious Davenport book, giving some account of the state of Religion in 1800. Mrs Street's 4 daughters & Miss Harmon were all present this evening and I played the Clock case flute for them. Neighbor E. Waters painted over the clock case, which painted. from the time it was bo't of A. Hyde in 181 'till now it had remained a light lead color, but W. now smeared it with Bennington mud clouded with lampblack a color rather more proper.

SATURDAY, January 3d Considerably rainy, P.M. wind S. Evening snowed. Hay A choaring day - stables, sheds &c regulated. With transport cart and steers bro't from the Caldwell, Alias, Montzgue, alias Fair- ed for child barn 377 lbs net weight of hay for Parsons to his bark-house, Parsons. which he bought of Horace Dimmick, subject however to some deduction in weight on account of dung among the hay left there by cattle that

J. Smith broke in & lay upon it 24 hours or so. Joseph Smith a young man belonging to Y'k state who hired in the spring to Dimmick, came with a demand paid by Dimmick. amounting to \$14.85 against him, which puzzled him greatly how to meet. About that time I happened in - he took me aside and acquainted me with the situation and that S. would accept of his old mare, an old saddle, much tattered, & a decent bridle and give up the note - I advised him to do it - He stepped back and they traded accordingly.

Jany 1818 134 This disappointed Parsons respecting hay - he calculated to have bo't 1/2 ton hay & paid Smith in his line for it. D's mare was not old or at least had but lately entered her 'teens, but had seen hard service, D's mare & was, in many respects, unsound, particularly in her hoofs, which she had the misfortune once to shed & the second growth were bad looking things - I thought he could not do better with her than he he did. His wife appeared quite dissatisfied, thought S. had greatly the advantage - said more of it than I should like from my wife. There was another Chauncey young fellow with Smith who appeared to sit pretty close to Miss R.P. sick. Chauncey saw a sick night, remained so all day. Spent most of the evening reading C's 1st Voyage. Cousin Stephen Harwood was here this P.M. S. Harwood Sold him 1/2 bhl apples - charged.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th The snow which had fallen the preceding evening was light; a trifle more was added this day, wind high from N.W. rough and cold. Dr Swift came down in the morning to visit Sickness mother whose indisposition continued quite serious, though it did not confine her to her room. The Dr was consulted respecting Chauncey whom he ordered a portion of jollop, which in its operation caused more sickness, but eventually had a good effect, driving out a sort of rash. Visiting 'Damia & E. Street returned from L. Norton's. L. Street & H. Harmon returned from here to Scotts on Saturday.

Jany 1818 135 MONDAY, JANUARY 5th Moderately cold - wind S. - a slight snow descending, too little, however, to add much to what was already Drawing on the ground. We commenced drawing those stone mentioned Vol. 4 p 367 stone. with 2 teams - friend Erastus with the horses and myself with oxen - he made out pretty bright, but I had poor success, was not rigged out strong enough, my oxen were in low order & wanted shoeing. These materials for wall were drawn to the fence which separates C's orchard from the lane this side Brown's orchard. Mr B. here this evening. I read a very interesting part of Cook's Voyage along the coast of N. Holland, thence C's Voyage. to Batavia in the E. Indies.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th A Southern breeze sprang up early in the day and increased to quite a blow in the evening - stormed a little, but none in the course of the day time. We pursued business as above, the same teams, the same drivers, father assisting as on that day. Better fortune attended me, put my sled in good order, though I had to take noon-day for it. Davenport's boys drew wood from gen'l Robinson's wood-land on a hand sled, but felt well. We had previous to this paid Davenport in full for his tierce, besides selling him 1/2 bhl potatoes for 10" - See p. 121.

Jany 1818 136 WEDNESDAY, January 7th Mild, rather thawy, 'till evening - wind N.W. Ended the stone service in which friend Erastus Stone with his horses had performed admirably well. The sledding grew very service poor on account of its thawing so. Heman Robinson had the misfortune, ended. this morning, to have all of his rigging in front of his fore axeltree of his waggon break square off like a pipe-stem, at the lower edge of the N. meadow with a load of wood on board, his hired man being with him Heman Robinsons navigating oxen and cart laden with the same. They chained the waggon break down to the cart, doubled their team and went on. His hired man in getting

S.H. a 2nd cart load fretted much at a large horse in front of his oxen. We did not like their carting across our mowing at this time, the ground being quite soft in many places. We received the company of friend S. H. Blackmer, S. Robinson Jun'r and his sister Polly - With the former played the flute, and agreed when to play again. The girls, Lydia, Melissa, &c visited at Patchin's. That young man mentioned p. 134 was brother to the lady as I was afterwards informed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th Flying clouds - wind N.W. growing colder.
Erastus Thrashed oats. Erastus worked with Dimmick at
Chauncey his fathers. Chauncey had so far recovered from his late illness as to
Girls at attend school. 'Damia & B. Street arrived fr Patchin's with the prints.
Brown's Evening the girls visited Mr Brown, Erastus in company.

Jany 1818 FRIDAY, JAN'Y 9th 1818 Calm but hazy - sun almost obscured - appeared
137 likely to storm ere long. Thrashed oats again.
At eve'g visited town - Bought, and had charged, at Pickett's, 1 lb
Goods bot coffee at 2/0, 1 quart rum at 2/3, abd 3-1/4 lbs cod-fish at 6 cents pr
at Pick'tslb - all which amounted to 5/6. At the P. Office took out a letter for
Melissa Street from her friend Emeline J. Burnham, Middletown, Vt. for
Billet to which I paid, with her money, 10 cents - bo't for her at Swifts & Hyde's
Dixon. 6 cents worth roll brimstone and for myself the same amount of India rub
Letter ber. At the P.O. wrote a billet to my old friend B. Dixon who had been
paper of in town several days, inviting him to pay me and the family a visit next
W, Haswell Monday eve'g - Left it at Fassett's Received of Wm Haswell 3 quires
Violin of good letter-paper, price 1 dollar. On going home called at Judge Fay's
Judge Fay to borrow his violin - Staid an hour to hear him play - He performed
several times very handsomely, Fisher's & Durang's Hornpipes, Soldiers
Joy, Yankee Doodle, Banks of the Dee with Variations, The Rose &c. This
Sickness night mother abd the babe were extremely ill, with latter Sarah sat up
the most of the night.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th Snowed moderately by turns all day - In the eve
ning it came on smartly - wind N. or N.E.

We fan-

Jany 1818 ned in the mill (which was bro't from capt Norton's) 45 bushels oats, the
138 produce of 24 shocks of shieves, they were of a good quality & heavy.
Early in the morning I went after Dr Swift, who came down and gave moth-
Dr Swift er a puke, and Adeline, Pink & Senna for a humor that had broken out up-
on her, which it was supposed had occasioned her sickness. Mrs Street &
Blazedel her daughters M. & B. were here this evening. Chauncey, horses & wagon
& his were in Mr Blazedell's service this day peddling garden sauce & a bbl of
pickles. pickles. The latter he was obliged to bring home again - E.B. Pratt to
whom he had engaged it, having deceived him, & others would not buy.
This expedition Mr B. agreed to pay for by filling a riddle hoop at 5/0.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th Raw, chilly & cloudy - wind high from N.W. The snow
Sleighing which had descended the preceding day & eve made a
sort of sleighing, would have been pretty good could it have lain with-
out being disturbed by ~~rain~~ wind. The time which was not taken up doing
choars at the barn and preparing to take off my beard, which another had
to do at last, after all my fretting, was employed in reading Capt Cook
G. & L. and the papers. A friendly evening's visit was received from Gideon &
House. Lydia House. Mr Blackmer came on this evening to board here, bro't his
violin with him. Mother had grown some better.

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139 MONDAY, JANUARY 12" Quit cold and pretty clear most of the day, wind N.W.
Thrashed oats till past noon - then uncle S. Robinson
came down, and, Dimmick assisting, a very fine beef cow was butchered
weighing upwards of 700 lbs. This cow was 13 yrs old - pretty large -

Beef cow known by sevdral names, such as "Black & White", "Lopt Horn", and "Old Bob", her tail having been frozen off when a calf much shorter than the usual length. She was of an easy singular disposition, exteemed the greatest slut in the yard, but gave a good mess of excellent milk. It is presumed that in the course of between 3 & 4 months she ate 100 bushels potatoes which was all that we gave her, not having learnt her to feed on meal. Capt Fry was present in the first part of the operation - so was Mr Blazedell in the latter part. Friend Erastus assisted by Dimmick ground his 4th ax bo't of Murphy, the others having failed. Mr Blackmer and I performed a few pieces on the violin in concert. Dimmick was lame in his right knee from a contusion received in snaking down wood.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13" Dry & tolerably cold, wind apparently S. but in reality N.W. A quarter of beef was sold to T. C. Parsons at 5-1/2 cents pr lb, weighing 144 lbs, paid towards J. Rogers work here in December. Sold to H. Fassett 61 lbs and received \$3.35 in cash for it. 65 lbs do to Darius Clark at the same rate on short credit. Mr Parsons wanted to get both these forequarters and for that purpose would have had me conclude a bargain with Franklin Clark for a hat, but misconception prevented it. I agreed with Clark to have a fine 8 dollar hat to be made in such fashion as I directed, to be finished the first hats he made, for which he was to receive cash down. Bo't at Pickett's in the course of the day cotton-roping for candle-wick 1-1/4 lbs at 75" pr Goods bot lb - 2-1/2 yds glazed linen at pr yd., & a cotton ball and black at Pick- sewing silk, 1 skein, 6 cents each - Bo't 1-1/2 lbs bar soap at 1/0 at etts. Swift & Hyde's. Paid over to Pickett to pay up our bill at Dr Lyman's Cash. at Troy, \$10.37-1/2 - gave him the bill of sale - See Dec. 1st.

Lyman's bill The evening was rendered unusually lively and brilliant by the pres- paid or toence and music of my old friend Barnet Dixon, who had lately arrived be paid. frommParkman, Ohio, where uncle Jonas he said was doing well. We were all very glad to see him both on account of friendship and hearing him perform on the violin and likewise to hear from uncle Jonas. All the information from him came verbally, either because he had not time or hated to take the troublr of writing, most probably the latter. Dixon was a soldier from this town belonging to Capt Samuel Cross' company of Infantry, Col Martindale's Regiment, in 1812, and by his good behaviour as a soldier and friendly, winning and generous deportment as a companion towards his comrades, he gained the esteem of every one; and none more than me, for he was always good to me in those melancholy days. Mr Parsons and others danced here this evening. Our corn-fodder lasted to this day, hay not all gone in the horse barn chamber, had cut out a place from the S. part of the W. mow 3-1/2 ft deep, beside.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14th Clear and very cold - wind W. or N.W. With earnest and most hearty pursuasion we made Dixon tarry allmday and this night, in the course of which he played some excellent pieces. In the evening Mr Blackmer joined in concert making very handsome music, or if handsome belongs to vision, then we will say it was very melodious, in every way pleasing, as I shall express it in my every day, rough, clumsy style. I took time to write uncle Jonas a lengthy letter showing how the family were and related most of the little transactions of the place interesting to him - Several late marriages were mentioned and the death of Asa Fay - p.127. It is probable that I had forgotten my letter of Sept 28th this last contained many repetitions, but he will nevertheless be pleased with it. 25 bushels of oats were fanned and brought in, which added to those mentioned p. 138 amount to about 70 in addition to this say there were more fed out of which no regular account could be kept and we have 80 bushels from little than 2 acres.

Lwtter to
uncle
Jonas.

Music and dancing. This evening friebd Dimmick and others came in to hear the music and see the dancing, but nothing gave greater entertainment than the lively pranks of little Adeline who was so transported with the music that it was impossible to keep her off the floor - she danced in her fashion like a puppet, though she had seen but little short of 15 months Of this life. Mr Parsons was preparing to go to Albany.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th The air chilly - wind S. growing warmer.

Thrashed. Mr Dixon having performed in concert

Dixon's with Mr Blackmer, in which they gained great applause from all quarters departure of the house, parted with us much against our wishes. I was anxious to have him spend I day & night more here to enable us to have gone in the evening abd played at friend Luman Norton's - So much good music I thought ought to be enjoyed by more hearers and to none could it have been a greater satisfaction than him and all his relatives around him, but we had urged him so hard against his inclination to stay as long as he did that we could ask no more - we were very thankful for the favor he had rendered us in this visit, which we looked upon as most probably his last, he having settled all his affairs here and owing a farm in Parkman, of which he spoke very highly. At evening Mr B. & I received a strong invitation to visit with our instruments friend L. Norton, but as my business was in arrears, we put it over to the next evening - He had sent such word the day before, desiring 'D. to accompany us, but of the last he must be disappointed. We were now giving out smoky hay, it was mouldy - occasioned by getting it in too green. See Aug. 18.

Threshing FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th finished.

Snowed some in the morning - mild wind S. Finished the threshing mentioned above, which

compleated the

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business for this season at our barn. Had about 20 bushels at this time which had been put in the crib over the north end of the floor.

Corn

P.M. father & mother rode out together - the Misses C. & P. Loomis visited here this P.M. Mr Blackmer entertained the ladies with music.

Company

News came that wheat was selling well in Troy which put us upon preparing a load to carry there. A stranger not very honorable in appearance staid all night here. See p.162

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th

Fair and mild - wind S. By my father Pickett forwarded a bill of every article purchased

Pickett bill of sale.

from him from Oct. 1st to Jan 16th., amounting to \$40 - had paid only \$4 This day father bo't a bed-cord weighing 3lbs 6 oz at his store for 98 cents. P.M. rode in the waggon to town accompanied by friend Erastus, carrying home Judge Fay's fiddle at the same time - got the waggon mended at Col Norton's - left the wood-sleigh there to be repaired - a new knee having been made to it by E. Waters - At the printing office received a Columbian and a paper printed in German. Bo't at Pickett's a pair of thick deer-skin mittens, price 6/0 if paid down, but if charged 6/6. Brought from the shop of E. Waters' a new bedstead and an old t table repaired, gratis, it being one that he had made out of unseasoned stuff 3 or 4 years since. Mr Doty arrived from Wilmington, musical enough, even danced a few jiggs - Mr B. & I practiced music, some part of the eve'g.

Ellis

Doty

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th

Rather mild, wind S. expected rain from the S.
but toward evening the wind veered round to N.W

Edgerton
& lady

Mr Edgerton came down after his lady who had spent Saturday P.M. & night here. The new stove to the meeting house had now been in operation 2 or 3 Sundays, the pipe running out of one of the lower windows, S. side of the house. It was said when the wind was in that direction it smoked

Prepare
to go to
Troy.

badly. Made preparation for going to Troy, got everything ready to start in the morning, but finally came to the resolution of going off this evening and accordingly got under way at half past ten - Had good moonlight and saw through the windows several couples enjoying the blissful hours of courtship - we almost grudged their happiness. E. Montague rode with me.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19th It was cloudy - Stormed a little in the P.M. and evening - surface of the ground slightly thawed. Our

Expedi-
tion to
Troy.

route from Bennington to Wadsworth's was not impeded by any accident whatever, but it was very cruel to see the old Doty mare slip and slide going up and down icy hills, of which the Potter hill was the worst - Arrived at W's 3/4's past 4 in the morning and calculated on taking a nap, but several young men with loads of wheat from Adams soon arose and made so much disturbance that we lost the

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chance except what we took in our chairs, which was momentary. Had the mare's shoes sharpened all round for 50 cents - Started past 7 again and arrived in Troy by way of Lansingburgh past 1 P.M. The merchants soon began to hail & examine our load and we found that although good wheat was fetching 16/0, 16/6 to 17/0, ours went bad in the market, they complained of much rye and skunk kernels, some said 12/0, others 12/3, others again 12/6 - one bid 14/0, another 14/6 and to him we ought to have sold, for that was the best offer we had. We wanted to get 15/0 for it, but having proceeded as far down as Isaac Merritt's and heard my wheat run down so low, which sunk even my spirits in an equal degree, in a fit of despair I had agreed to dispose of it at 13/0, but friend M. shewed such evident marks of surprise that I began to make my bargain over again - raised him by degrees to 13/9, unloaded, had it weighed, and received for 21 bbls 29 lbs \$36.91 Refreshed and baited at Maxons Bo't as follows of Dan'l Merritt 616 lbs plaster at 60" pr cwt . 3.64

Richard P. Hart & Co 4 bbls L. Island salt at 87-1/2 .. 3.50

Lyman & Son 2 gals molasses 1.75

Dater - old rice 0.08

Travelling expenses 0.86

9.83

Lent to E. Montague 5.50

Settled account at R. P. Hart's 2.63

\$ 17.96

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Whole amount of expenses brought over 17.96

From which subtract Mr Browns salt, 1 bhl & trans'n 1.12 1/2

Likewise subtract Montague's money 5.50

leaves 11.33 1/2

Now say the wheat amounted to \$ 36.91

Carried from home 3.19

\$ 40.10

From this take 11.33

\$ 28.77

Exclusive of the cash lent to M. bro't home 22.10

Wheat and money carried out 40.10

In my expenses to include Mr B's salt &c were 17.96

\$ 22.14

Which varies but 4 cents from the sum I brought home. The above statement exhibits no great skill in arithmetic to which I have no pretensions. I have omitted mentioning that as we rode from Lansingburgh to

Troy we saw several boys very actively engaged at skating, cutting all manner of capers imaginable. Having transacted all our business we made haste to leave the place - Erastus having bo't a piece of cloth, said to be worth 2 dollars pr yard, at auction for little more than \$1.50

We came out 6 miles and took lodgings at I. Smith's a short distance from the new brick church on the Troy road. Mr S. and family were Dutch-had but one whole leg - Some of his neighbors were present, but we were so drowsy that conversation was dull - Retired to rest between 9 & 10 -

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th

It was pretty cold in the morning - continued chilly & searching through the day, flying clouds

- wind N.W. We came on to Wadsworth's ere we halted - Saw there Maj Hawks and Mr Abisha Kinsley going to market with rye - Saw our Adams friends again - Having warmed & refreshed here sufficiently, no other stop was made 'till our arrival at home which took place about 4 p.M. $\frac{3}{4}$ Found all

E. Doty
paid

doing well. Mr Doty had received pay for keeping the young cattle mentioned p. 97. He charged by the week 0/6 pr head - had kept them 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, there being 4 in No. amounted to 5 dollars 50 cents out of which take for 5 gallons vinegar which he received in the spring 1817 at 25", - \$1.25 - leaving due him \$4.25 which was paid him in wheat at \$1.75 pr

Helleben

bhl. Mr Richard Wollenben lately from Fredonia, N.Y. came with friend H. Waters this evening and performed quite handsomely on Mr B's violin - We thought he had vastly improved since being here in 1817. Let me not for-

Dixon

get mentioning meeting Mr Dixon when I was returning from Troy, on the dug-way beyond the Goat Tavern - talked with him a few minutes - he told us how fortunates he was in obtaining a ride in the stage through the influence of Allen a great performer on the violin at Cherryvally -

Tallow

On Monday they informed me that they had tried up that cows tallow killed p. 139 which amounted to 94 lbs good - excellent quality.

Bad going down icy hills, but in general good

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waggoning, especially beyond Wadsworth's where the track of the wheels was as smooth and hard as iron - It slightly thawed the surface this P.M., although quite cold. Vast quantities of wheat and rye were puring in from all quarters - Business appeared very lively in Troy.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th

Wind high from the S. - rain is expected. Attended to nothing extraordinary at home. Father in

B STREET

the double waggon conveyed Miss B. Street to uncle S. Robinson's on her way to Cardall's City - he paid to Pickett \$1 cash for those mittens bo't

Davenport

p. 143. We received of T. Davenport's boy 25" for $\frac{3}{4}$ bhl potatoes. This morning Mr Parsons shewed us 2 letters from our friends at Litchfield con-

Letters

veyed by a Mr Sanford who left them at Cushman's - one being to me from G. Smedley the other to Mr P. and lady from Mr S. The former was broken

from

Smedley.

open by Mr Hiram, cousin Hiram of the N. part of the town - thinking it was to him. G. complained of having rec'd but one letter from me, since he and Mr Stone were here in Jan'y 1817 - Mentioned an affair which occurred at that time in terms implying remorse on account of it, V.4

Jan'y 14. Had just arrived from conveying a family to some part of Chenango County, N.Y. - Purposed going to Genesee in February. They were all in health - Had good crops particularly of apples - wanted to see us very much & requested letters often - See p. 85 -

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st

Thick and cloudy, began to storm snow moderately P.M. - but amounted to very little - wind very

Hartshorn

high at night from N.W. Two gentlemen came from McEwen's this morning to hire our waggon, having proceeded thus far by sleighing from Francis-

&

Crane

town, N.H. bound to Cooperstown, N.Y. The one was a man perhaps 50 years of age, the other, if I might judge from appearances, not over 20 - the

Waggon let former was employed to remove the family and effects of the latter's father, resided in Utica. As I was going into the Street to get my oxen

shed drew the waggon to McE's for them - When I bargained for the hire of it they agreed to pay four dollars for the tour to Cooperstown and for all over that distance, calling it 100 miles, at the same rate - They left Eastern money with McE to be changed to pay it in advance, out of which I engaged to give back for the number of miles that the waggon lacked of going the 100 miles if they should return after their sleigh. The young man shewed me a good flute for which he said he gave 5 dollars a few months ago that he offered me in lieu of cash for the hire of the waggon, but although I liked the instrument and should have been happy to have obtained it yet, the want of money made it altogether easy and necessary for me to deny myself so innocent a luxury. The old man's name was Hartshorn, that of the latter was Jabez Cram - Lately married - left his bride in N. Hampshire, 50 miles E. of Brattleborough - Appeared to be full of money.

Jan 1818 Had the oxen shed at Col Norton's, price 150 cents, we finding shoes
150 - bo't a pint of rum at Pickett's to soak the hoofs in - Col N. almost out of coal. At Darius Clark's received papers and cash for the beef sold to Oxen shed him, p.139. Mr A. J. Haswell invited me to sign for his religious paper, Cash recd price \$1.50 per Ann., but declined on account of wishing to continue Mr C's of Clark and the Columbian, which amounted to as much as we thought ourselves able A.J.Haswelto pay for. Visited the Court Chamber Judge Chace and associates were Court. hearing the cause between Moses Robinson and others concerning his coming in for an equal share with his brethren of his fathers estate after Adeline having signed a sort of acquittance. They began to wean Adeline this night - she made no small ado - Bo't articles at Hyde's to the value of 25 cents.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22d Very cold - high dry wind from N.W. No business going on here without doors - Made rough cast of our income during the latter part of the year 1817.
From May 21st to Dec 20th 279 lbs 7 oz butter\$ 49.85
Income & Cheese, 757 lbs 13 oz 76.29
Expendi- Orchard and labor in making other peoples cider 100.00
ture. Wheat 116.00
Other various articles 123.67
\$ 465.81
Then say enough remains to raise it to 34.19
\$ 500.00
Now say expenses in round numbers amounts to 350.00
Leaves to pay old debts\$ 150.00

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th The coat of snow which had now fallen was too thin to make good sleighing, though it was
Sleighing thankfully received and gladly improved - Tolerably cold & pleasant P.M
Letter to Wind, N.W. Wrote a short letter to Mrs A.Waters mentioning that we were
A.Waters well, excepting the babe, - that good news had been rec'd from uncle Jonas, that Mr B's intercourse with Widow R. was renewed, probably would be married in the Spring - See p.85 - Returned Lydia's thabks for her picture - p. - Sent love and compliments to her father, mother, brother and sister. Forwarded this pr E.B.Brewer.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26th., Cloudy, dark, high S. wind - Snowed in the ev'g
 Hay that he bo't of old Mr Green. We turned out two teams - Jonathan drove
 drawn for the horses & I the oxen, both on sleds. We went there across lots, but
 Parsons. as the hay was in a stack near the S.E. corner of G's farm, came home
 around by way of Smith's and Norton's - I cut down the stack which in
 general was of a fair quality, some injured at the top where the pole
 came out, but after cutting down farther was found in good order - might
 be called passable for stock hay - had been summered over -
 Jan 1818 About 1/2 the stack was taken, most of it weighed & amounted to 1363 -
 152 The old man was present all the time, and pretty churlish, often dis-
 puting with friend P. about the weight &c. but finally calmed off tol-
 erably smooth. P. gave him at the rate of \$10 pr ton - to be paid in
 his way. Read Cook some this evening.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27th More snow having been added to yesterday's stock
 caused good sleighing - made preparations for
 Wood going to Troy - Drew a small load of wood - Father & Mother rode down to
 uncle S. Robinson's, brought word that he would start for Troy on the
 Adeline. 29th. Dr Swift came in the evening to visit Adeline - ordered her some
 Erastus castor oil. The girls attended singing school. Friend Erastus had rath-
 er poor luck getting wood for himself from B. Woods. Our taxes were
 paid this day to Hiram Hinsdill, the Collector, amounting for the town
 to \$6.25, for the State to \$5.37 - in the whole \$11.62 Mr Samuel Loom-
 is began drawing wood for friend Parsons.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28th During the night a moist, still, snow had fall-
 en, between 8 and 9 inches deep - very mild all
 day, thawed a little, snowed moderately, P.M., thick clouds. Wind N.E.
 But little business going on, a quantity of wood was sawed up and we
 Dry wood broke a road into the old Sugar-place, bringing back some old wood for
 on hand. smoking meat abd timber for shoeing the sled, besides a very little to
 burn. About 1/4 of the course of the pile mentioned on the 1st inst re-
 Jan 1818 mained on hand. Elijah Brown Jr called at evening to stay all night as
 153 we presumed - we let him depart in peace - Mr Parsons delivered a par-
 vel of shoes into my care to convey to Stephen Osborn's, Lansingburgh,
 Expedition accompanied by a letter. Dimmick engaged me to carry and sell in Troy
 to Troy 6 bushels Spring Wheat - in the same condition mentioned p. 130. It
 looked well, but D. said it made such poor bread that it could not be
 eated - Said if I could get 12/0 per bhl he should be content.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29th Clear and moderate in the morning, but a thin
 covering of clouds soon overcast the firmament
 - the wind arose and it grew cold all day, clear and very cold in eve-
 ning - Snow had drifted some. Between 6 & 7 started for Troy, took in
 4 1/2 bhl's spring wheat for friend Dimmick - called at Dr Swift's and
 left word to have him come down and see Adeline who had been very sick
 all night. Baited at Wadsworth's about noon - saw Eli Carpenter with 2
 loads rye, going to market - Saw friend S. Loomis, bound that way.
 Did business in Lansingburgh as directed by Mr P. Arrived in Troy half
 past 3. Water Street was full of sleighs - everything was going on in
 the most lively manner - Sold Dimmick's wheat to first bidder who of-
 fered 15/0 shillings - it was not far down the river - forgot to look

at the name - the wheat weighed 4 bhls 15 lbs and I received for it \$7.97 - So much wheat was coming in at this store that I was hindered there above half an hour - Left my horses under Maxon's shed and then attended to my errands - Bo't of R.P.Hart & Co i/2 hundred
 Jan 1818 1/2 cwt codfishpaid.....\$2.00
 154 of D. Merritt 1335 lbs grass olaster 8.02 8.02
 1 bushel blown salt 0.69
 \$ 10.71

Left 1 bag of Plaister in the care of the Plaster man to be delivered to S. Robinson when called for or to any other person pr order - Left Troy after dark abdnat 9 in the evening arrived at Smith's near the 6 mile stone - found three travellers here, a man and his lady from Bridgewater N. Y. - another from Addison Co. Vt., and a third from Charleston, N.H. - the two last lodged in the same chamber with me - Our N.H. man was pretty droll, made a good many odd remarks on the movements of the mice in the under-bed in which they slept - The man from Addison county formerly removed from Starksburg, named Carpenter - The Bridgewater man's name was Dimmick - aged 57 - his lady 7 years younger, going on a visit at Barnardston, Mass. Our N.H. man was returning from a peddling tour, having leather and coverlets for sale. It was inconvenient watering horses, the penstock having failed, and it was one of the coldest nights this climate affords. I must not forget to say that there was a great call for Plaister at Merritt's - but he appeared in condition to supply it.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30th The morning was most intensely cold - men & horses were soon covered with frost after exposure to its severity a short time - It held very cold & clear all day. Very cold
 Turned out about 8 in the morning - drove to Wadsworth's - met Levi Smedley Junr at Pittstown meeting house with a load
 Feb 1818 of wheat - Said all were well at Williamstown - Best quality of wheat
 155 sold at Troy for 16/6 - Rye 7/6 - Hard sleighing - plenty of snow, but so frozen that a sleigh groaned badly. Reached home 7 at evening, but
 Adeline not cold though the air was most piercing and chilling. Adeline some better, but very cross. Expenses 00.71" which were ballanced by Dim - mick's being charged 75" for carrying down his wheat.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st Cold and hazy - snow expected. Mr Dimmick assisted father about putting in a new sleigh-~~box~~ tongue - Paid him his money for his wheat - Fluted over a very poor in the morning at Mr B's - A wretched poor family from Berkshire county bound to Brandon, Vt., started off from D's - Peace be with them. Cut some wood for Parsons. Davenport and Blazedell drew wood on hand-sleds from gen. Robinson's wood-lot. Erastus had 4 teams drawing wood for his lime-kiln - froze his feet. Mr Osborn and lady from Hoosick came with his brother Conklin Osborn, lady and little boy on a visit at P's
 Osborne
 The Ark. Saw on the road a portable building containing a family, stove and furniture, moving to the West, drawn by 3 yoke of oxen - they had the same number behind to change.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st., It was pretty cold but grew warmer by degrees. Father took cold working with Dimmick at the sled was quite ill - No going to church here. Jonathan took the young mare and rode with Chauncey to visit his friend Daniel Downs

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

Accounts
settled
with
E. Waters.

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Moderate, cloudy at night - Rode with Sarah to Pickett's, bo't things the amount of which may be found on the bill - Visited the Post Office twice in the course of the day. Near night settled accounts in part with E. Waters. His charges for work in his line and at harvesting were to the amount of \$50.21 - on the other hand ours amounted to \$60.28 including butter & cheese delivered to him on Mr Marsh's account - this I told him I could not exactly say what it amounted to without running over all the articles and rather than do that we called it \$12.00 the sum intended to be paid Mr Marsh, which we subtracted from the \$60.28, leaving \$48.28 and this again subtract from Mr W's account left due him \$1/93 which I balanced by due bill but our reckoning was not conclusive, not knowing what the butter & cheese delivered as aforesaid amounted to, which I told him could easily find out at home; but it was wrong to take out the full sum from the \$60.28 - for on looking over my papers at home I found that Waters had received on the above account 11 lbs 7 oz butter at 20" pr lb ...\$2.29 D'o 81 lbs cheese at 10" pr lb 8.10 D'o.....Cash 1.00

\$ 11.39
Now set down\$ 60.28
Then subtract 11.39
\$ 48.89

Add what was omitted in our ac't - 9-1/2 bbls apples, 1 bbl cider 4.37
\$53.26
Waters' ac't being \$50.21 add 61" due Marsh 50.82
Due B. Harwood\$ 2.44

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

Still and pretty moderate weather in the fore part of the day, but between 2 and 3 P.M. the wind arose from the E. with some snow. This wind increased in its fury till it became a sort of hurricane about midnight - It rarely blew harder - I never was more disturbed by this element since I existed - It raised a great drift between Dexter's and Dr Swift's school-house, through which they had dig for sleighs and teams to pass. Happily our hurricane subsided in a few hours, much to the satisfaction of the people over whose heads it had roared so loudly. About 4 in the morning started for Troy - Anthony Hathaway joined company at McEwen's with a load of 21 bushels wheat - Reached Wadsworth's at 8 - halted but a short time - Mr H. got under way sooner than I - saw no more of him - Entered Troy about noon - Disposed of 4 bushels 12 lbs good spring wheat to Isaac Merritt at \$2. - rec'd in payment \$8.40 cash.

Bo't of R.P.Hart & Co 10 lbs clover seed at 20"\$2.00
..... Daniel Merritt 1040 lbs grass Plaister at 60 pr cwt... 6.23
\$8.23

which with what I left there before made me up a load of about 1200 - Felt very anxious to get out of town so as to reach home this night, but so many people thronged the streets and stores that it was impossible to hasten the transaction of business - it took me till past 2 to get my load ready to depart - Never were the streets more crowded with teams - and never perhaps was there a time when business was more lively in Troy than now store was - Wheat 16/9, 16/6, 16/0, Rye 7/3
See p's 92, 109, 145, 154

Feb 1818 158 Having settled for my Plaister at Merritt's I seated myself on board the sleigh just ready to set sail, when they hailed me, asked if I had lost my pocket book, which to my confusion I found I had left upon the counter I gladly received it again and was off. Near the foot of Troy hill met S. Loomis, J. Norton & others from Bennington. Drove against a harsh wind & snow to Staunton's, 9 miles from Troy, put up for the night. Two men whom I saw there said they intended to come on 7 miles this side Wadsworth's. Another gentleman staid there, bound to Troy with 35 bushels wheat from Cavendish, Vt., having a team of 2 yoke of oxen. Enjoyed the evening very well although extremely drowsy - a gentleman who appeared to be considerably acquainted in the family, had formerly resided in the City of Baltimore, entertained us with an account of the Roman Catholic mode of worship. The man of the house appeared to be agreeable and well disposed - a little boy of his, perhaps 18 months old afforded considerable amusement to the company.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th It was calm in the morning, but the wind soon began to blow strongly from the West with snow causing it to drift - Clouds broke away about noon - Wind not so high P.M. - Calmed away at night. Drove to Hoosick Four Corners where I halted an hour. The Bar Room was pretty full of company, among whom was Dr ~~Swift~~ Hollenbeck who kept them merry telling Dutch anecdotes - In coming home met with no difficulty 'till I got this

Feb 1818 159 side of the school-house north of Dexter's, where the road had been full of snow, a narrow path had been dug, but left so deep at the bottom that a horse would sink to the knees. Soon after entering the drift my horses Bliss, E. got stuck and to extricate them, unhitched from the sleigh, got Dr Swifts & M. Waters oxen and by kind assistance from Mr Bliss, E. & H. Waters drew out the Erastus. load to fair sailing and reached home about sun-down. Father & Erastus had drawn up in 2 days 8 loads wood. Expences, 78 cents.

Erastus THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5th Steady, moderate sound winter weather. With 2 teams drew 6 loads wood - Erastus chopped.

Davenport & Erastus. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th Good weather - cloudy - wind W. We drew 10 loads wood more. Friend Erastus & Mr Davenport chopped the latter on Dimmick's account. Spent the evening at Mr Brown's - borrowed Mr B's oxen to draw out wood with.

Dimmick, Erastus & Davenport SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th Rough weather in the morning - stormed a little - Wind S. - held off storming 'till evening, and then but slightly - wind harsh from the Twelve loads wood were drawn seven by the horses - five by the oxen - Dimmick hauled out wood with B's oxen. Erastus & Davenport chopped again - D on Erastus' account. Mr Leonard Wadsworth returned 3 sheep which with that obtained at Dr Swift p. 122 - made up our loss - See p. 119.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th Hazy and not very cold till evening when high winds and scuds of snow came fresh from N.W. grew cold fast. Father, Lydia & Melissa attended service, bingham preached. Mr Hartshorn from Cooperstown returned the waggon safe and sound - p. 149.

Feb 1818 160 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th Extremely cold - very high wind cruelly blustering from N.W. Business in the woods suspended. S. Robin'n Visited town - Rode with cousin Sam Robinson on his new cutter which had Jun'r no box to it, but had a one horse waggon seat to sit in - friend Erastus was in company and we all had a decent turn-over not far the 1 mile Pantaloons. stone. Cousin Sam had staid here all night. Called in at Waters' shop from which went to Fullers' - had a pair of pantaloons cut out - visited

friend Newell Squire - played on his flute - dined with him - Marched up the Hill - At the Post Office took out a letter for Horace Dimmick from Montrose, Pa - paid the postage 18 1/2" with his money. Called at Pickett's - bo't a skein of silk & stick of twist. At the printing of-five received a Columbian. At Patchins' played on the flute for Frank Blackmer who had with him friend Ormby's flute - I had borrowed Mr Squires' & after calling at E. Waters', playing several tunes & acquaint ing him how our accounts stood as stated, p. 156, took up my due bill and came home. Dimmick had assisted father a little in putting in the hind beam to the horse sled.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th The cold continued extreme, but there was much less wind than on Monday which in the forepart of the day was from N.W. - In the eve'g it was S.W. - Very little was executed without doors - P.M. assisted friend Dimmick a trifle in snaking down a draft of wood - played the flute with Mr Brown - Conversed with him, but his room was so cold I left him before sun-down and spent the evening in a kind of convert at friend L.Norton's - S. H. Blackmer performing in co -

Evening visit at L.Nortons

Feb 1818 161 State of the wood Hay.

Our dry wood-pile was now so far consumed that there remained only the double course on the N. side. See Jany 1st or 2nd. As to hay nearly half of the E. mow was consumed and not more than 1/4 of the clover on the E. scaffold - Plenty of straw on hand - P.151. We had cut from the W. mow S. and 4 ft wide to the ground. P.160.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th Very cold on the morning of the 12th - fair and & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th cold all day - wind north - Continued pretty snug weather on the 13th but much more mile than the preceding day - Wind South. These two days we employed busily getting wood - drawing 13 loads on the first and 12 on the last, besides what Dimmick snaked to the house, making in all about 63 loads to constitute our years stock. It was cut at the foot and on the summit of the Davenport hill above the SW. part of the old sugar-place - (one good maple was cut which stood in the SW corner of the enclosure) - But a small piece of ground was gone over for the purpose. The same hands and team were employed there these 2 days as are mentioned on the 7th. About 1/3d of the pile was bass-wood. See V. 4 p.

Wood drawing finished

Davenport hill

Erastus Dimmick

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th A fine fair cold morning - became warmer toward night - wind harsh from the S. and about 8 at night commenced snowing from the same direction - Sarah and I took a cutter ride as far as friend Bingham Hill's, Arlington, where we had a very agreeable visit. Left an old foot-wheel at Babcock's to be repaired for which he said he should probably charge 2-1/2 dollars, to pay which left \$3. in B. Hill's hands agreeing with friend S. Waters to bring with her what remained over when she came down. It must be understood that our friends keep Public House - had considerable company this day abd among others a curious songster, who could sing handsomely, named Wm living in the S. part of Manchester five miles from there - appeared tolerably suited with my performance on the flute, as a sample of which I gave him "Gillicrankie" - Said he was excessively fond of music, if a piece were performed well suiting his fancy, the goose pimples would rise all over him and he did not recover from it in a fortnight or a month. He sung the "Tidy One" & "The Hornet & Peacock". At supper we were entertained with the company and conversation of that character mentioned p. 143, said his name was Randall - had worked a month in Adams, Mass for two brothers named Fisk who had lately inherited a large property - complained of his

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exchange, not very happy

Randal usage there - having served them faithfully, but without full pay, they having cheated him out of half his due - So his story was $\frac{3}{4}$ Mr H. knowing his chap made no small game of him in an ironical way. This man has a long large red face with a very roman protuberant nose - perhaps 60 years of age - residing in Stratton, Vt. We left Mr H's past 5 and arrived here at half past 8 - In Arlington met Mr Conant & lady - p. 47 - Plenty of snow - good sleighing - saw in Shaftsbury many ruinous effects of the great gale on the 3d inst.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th Warm, thawy and snowy till noon - continued warm and cloudy during the P.M. - Evening it rained - wind S. Friend Erastus being every way equip'd in stile set off with Feb 1818 Melissa & Lydia at noon for Salem, N.Y. I visited town in the P.M. riding up with cousin S. Robinson - got my newspapers and returned as far as 163 Waters' in the cutter with father and mother who stopped to sup there and Young ones wait upon Mrs Duncan to our house. I had now commenced the business of at the looking after young calves - a heifer 2 years old having brought one this barn. morning. Late in the evening Mr Conant, lady and child arrived here, intending to start for Pennsylvania the ensuing Monday - all hearty.

Death and SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th One night had wrought a great change in the weather, this day proving very tedious blustering and burial of very cold. Wind N.W. The remains of Mr Sam'l Safford's wife were consigned to the tomb - She died on Friday morning, aged . Cousin Sam Mrs Safford. Robinson came down to take leave of us and to take charge of letters from S. Robinson us to our relatives in the W. 'Dama & I wrote each a letter to Catherine son Jr Harwood & her moth'r on the same sheet, mentioning nothing of importance Letters except the birth of a daughter at uncle S. Robinson's, & the death of Mrs to Mrs & Safford. Wrote a third to uncle Asa Harwood, which merely stated our being in usual health and our not having disposed of any of their furniture Mr A. Harwood - invited them strongly to pay us a visit. These were delivered with many good wishes and 12-1/2" to pay postage, into cousin S's hands to put them Letter to into post offices nearest to the places whence they were destined - Would N.R. Locke start on Monday. In the evening wrote pretty lengthily to friend Nath'l R. Locke - on matrimony or rather congratulating him on his marriage in June last & then giving a few remarks on that subject, filling out the main body with materials at hand, concerning neighborhood news. This Feb 1818 was sent by friend Conant - See p. 47. 164

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th Extremely cold this morning, continued very cold all day, high whirlwinds from N.W., Mr Conant having distributed 4 pairs of deerskin gloves among us as a present toward's his lady's residence here in the Fall of 1817 & other favors, for which we neither asked nor expected to receive pay - departed with her & his little one for Pennsylvania - P. 163. Wm Duncan came down from Pownal Mountain & conveyed his mother to her house - Previous to this I rode with him to the Printing Office and obtained a few office papers for Mrs D. Capt Fry Capt J. Fry dropt in about mid-day & made an extempore verse quite apt in rhyme over a glass of cider, but as I cannot give it verbatim, shall omit its insertion altogether - giving to Capt F. all the praises. At evening Martin Scott. Martin Scott with Lucy Street paid us a visit - Bone, Buck and Fanny formed subjects for a part of their conversation - I was dull and retired before the visit ended.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th The cold held on but not to such a degree quite as the preceding day - wind chiefly from N. E. Montague and his ladies arrived from White Creek, having with them Mrs E. Montague with T. Moore and a fine fat boy 13 months old. It appeared that they had seen his ladies much trouble in the prosecution of a part of their journey on account of the roads being blocked up by immense snowdrifts. On Monday they came

but 18 miles - staid at Williamson's. Erastus had the misfortune to break his sleigh, which he hired of L. Norton, in a slight manner. The horses were Mr Brown's young horse and our young Nancy which looked a little the worse for wear.

Feb 1818 About mid-day took a load of wood to the school, taken from what we had
165 at the door, supposed to measure 1/4 of a cord. Erastus fastened the sleigh to my sled, had it examined by friend Luman who requested him to take it to Crossett's, Algiers, to be repaired - and so he did. P.M. Mr Annis Parsons brought to our house from Hoosack cousin Annis Stone, 3 or 4 weeks since from Scipio where she left all well.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th Continued snug winter weather, although in the morning there seemed to be a prospect of its becoming more mild. Father and Mother rode with Mrs Moore to Mr Abner Noble's where they left her on a short visit, returning themselves without making much tarry. I employed myself in making a small door to one of the cow-stables for the purpose of admitting young calves to be fat- Loan Deweytened in the Spring. Mr L. Dewey & lady called up a short time - spent & lady. a mom't with him talking of music - Mrs D. received 4 lbs 14 oz butter - they likewise took on board Melissa Street's trunk to convey to Pliny D's, where she herself went at evening to live awhile. Friend Erastus Street. was busy in trying to hire a horse to go to South Hadley with.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19th Searching and very chilly - wind S.W. Friend Expedition Erastus having returned with his sister from to H. C. Pownal, he accompanied me to H. C. Hull's, two miles within the bounds Hull's of Woodford on the Forge road - to get floor boards with an order from T. C. Parsons. Mr H. was gone out to break a path to some timber in the neighborhood - Mr S. B. Young and another gentleman from Manchester having gone on before us, proceeded to the foot of the hill where he was despatched

Feb 1818 a messenger to him and returned to the house, waiting with us 'till his
166 arrival which was within about half an hour - Soon after coming in, he was taken aside by our Manchester friend who detained him a good while - at length he found himself at liberty to attend to us. The boards he had not on hand - I agreed for 500 feet which he said would be sawed when there was a supply of water, the boards to be 13 feet in length fit for common flooring. I delivered him the order which was in favor of B. Harwood, to get such quantity & quality of boards as he should choose. Mr H. being indebted to friend Erastus, the latter received of him a stock of hemlock lath, measuring upwards of 280 ft - with this we came home. Mrs Moore & others visited at E. Waters'. Cyrus Hills Jun aged about 13 years died on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock of the Inflammation in the bowels. He was a youth much esteemed by all his acquaintances for his fine disposition and other good qualities - was the youngest of three sons. His parents & brothers most poignantly mourn his untimely ed.

Boards

Death of Cyrus Hill Jr

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th Chilly in the morning and stormy from the S. but towards the close of the day it grew much warmer & more fair. Some of our people attended the funeral of our young friend, which was conducted in a very solemn and appropriate manner under the direction of Mr Tho's Wilder whose scholars formed in procession by themselves. A Part of my time was spent in hanging that famous door mentioned p. 165, the remainder was appropriated to choaring about the barn and talking with Sarah against going to a certain house at eve'g and other subjects. Of the hay there remained on hand 2/5ths of the E. mow and a considerable quantity of clover on the E. scaffold, and so much of the W. mow as mentioned p. 161

Hay on hand.

Feb 1818 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st During all the A.M. and till 2 P.M. it was pretty warm and thawed at a great rate, but towards evening the wind changed to N.W. snowed a little and grew cold. Cloudy all day. Erastus rode with me on to C. House Hill - left an axe at Davis's to be fixed over - it being one of his manufacture, having failed - Bo't 3/4 lb at cut 8ths and 1/4 lb wrought 10" nails at Pickett's - charged 15" - did other Daviserrands, borrowed N.Squire's flute abd came home - P.M. friend E. brought down from Mr Waters' Mrs W. and her sister - a little wood was sawed and chopped, axes ground, &c. At evening Mr L. Stannton and Wm Duncan came in a sleigh with Mrs D. and after staying a short time - took cousin Annis and returned home. Damia and L. Street arrived from S. Scott's latish. Dimmick this P.M. had our sleigh and 1 of the horses to ride with his lady to his father's. The thaw did not much injure the sleighing there being such a great quantity of snow over the face of the earth, as to withstand more than an ordinary thaw.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd Began snowing early in the morning, and without producing any considerable quantity of snow, continued till past noon - P.M. flying clouds and sound winter weather ended the day - This evening news was brought from friend Dimmick's that his lady had become the mother of a second son. Miss Sophia Waters with her beau Mr Storer from Arlington arrived in the evening and tarried the night - Our evening visitants were T. Hills E. Norton, Miss C. Norton, Mr G. House - L. Street staid till morning. Mr Storr examined my journals for 1813, 14, 15, 16

Feb 1818 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23d Very keen morning - clear & pleasant all day. 168 After hearing me play a few pieces Mr Storer & friend S. Water s made their exit in a sort of non-descript vehicle having a chair suspended over runners in such manner as to be taken out in summer and put upon wheels - This thing was provided with a buffalo and boot which rendered it very comfortable. Mr Storer (20) engaged as much in his favor - we requested another visit from him, he likewise ask E Montague asked us to call on him. Friend Montague set out for Salem with his & Mrs sister and her little son she having been ill on Sunday, but so far recovered as to be enabled to ride in sleigh. I rode with them to the Moore Church Yard where we copied a few lines of poetry for Mrs Moore which I suppose she intended to have inscribed on the tombstone of her late husband. P. Most of the P.M. spent in town, having biles on my right arm so that I could not very commodiously labor. Father brought from Juncket Pownal cousin Annis Stone. At evening Mr Parsons & I coupled our steeds at in our rough lumbdr sleigh and conveyed our ladies to Mr House's to attend a sort of juncket. Mrs P. carrying her child as did others. House's Those comprising the company were S. Loomis & lady, Th C. Parsons & lady, J. Norton & lady, P. Smith & lady - these last couples had babes with them - Mr H. and family and S. H. Blackmer, boarder there. At first it was rather cold but became warm before we came away. Cards, music, dancing, knitting and conversing were our employment. Broke up at 1/2 past 11.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
Feb 1818 Most of the day it snowed considerably, as it would seem, from S.E; not 169 very cold - Snow now in the roads was about 2-1/2 ft deep. We learnt this morning that Mrs Dimmick's babe had died in the night. Towards evening, or rather sometime in the P.M. friend Parsons and I visited Dimmicks the house - they concluded to have a sermon preached next day by Elder child Robinson of Pownal. My chief employment was constructing a door like dies. that mentioned p.165. Uncle Z. Harwood on his return from Williamstown Door. called a short time this P.M. - supped here - Good sleighing.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th Snug weather yet - variable winds. Mr Dimmicks child was buried. Elder Robinson did not preach a sermon, but made a short prayer and gave a concise, but appropriate, exhortation. Few attended. The infant was interred under the meeting house a few feet S. of the door at the E. end. Mr Parsons and I rode together on to the Hill - Brought away that axe spoken of p. 167 - repaired as agreed upon - bo't at S. & Hyde's sweet oil 8 cents worth charged. Erastus arrived with the young mare and cutter from Salem NY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th Another very cold clear day - Wind N.W. Set up another door such as was finished on the 20th. Father sawed and cut up some of the wood-pile.

Friday, February 27th A strong gale of wind blew from the S. and where it crossed roads diametrically or obliquely, drifted the snow badly. At the earnest solicitation of friend Parsons and lady we accompanied them in a separate cutter to Hoosack Falls where we were cordially received by their brethren & sisters - tarried at H. Parsons'. Friend T. C. & Ruth carried out their eldest and youngest children - we for the first time this winter hoisted out our little Adeline. We employed ourselves according to our various inclinations at work, reading, conversing, and some part of the time at music, which last was left exclusively to me, no one having a voice to lend, or an instrument to join with me in concert. I was much pleased with the fashion of their cook-stove which was upon a plan entirely new to me, the fire being put in at the top passing off at right and left and conducted into the pipe by a passage underneath, the top plate being wide, jetting over the main body of the stove 3 or 4 inches, with two large holes, differing in size, for the admission of pots and kettles, there being flat rings of unequal diameter for suiting the various sizes of kettles &c used in cooking - to the smallest of these rings is fitted a kind of a lid, which shuts over tight when no boiling is going on. Below the fireplace is the oven, occupying the whole bigness of the stove except what is necessary for carrying off the smoke at the ends. It will be seen that this description is very defective - if anyone desires to know the various advantages of the thing let him or her go and see.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th A thorough thaw had now commenced - cloudy and warm - Wind S.W. Having visited several places viewed the curious works in Mr Parsons' shop, dined at friend Seths and closed a fine visit we cleared out for home where we arrived a short time before sunset. During our absence some flax had been got out, and progress had been made in cutting up the wood pile.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st The thaw continued unabated - Wind S. - snow going fast. We had on hand hay in parcels thus; E. of the floor a body 12 feet in length, 3 in height and 9 in width - a few hund's of clover on the E. scaffold - W. of the floor another solid mass of good ~~get~~ hay measured 16 feet high, 19 feet long and 15 1/2 wide Besides this we had a pretty good quantity of oat-straw and plenty of all other kinds - Our stock stood thus - 10 cows, 1 pair of 4 years old oxen, 4 two yr olds, 4 yearlings, 2 young calves, 30 sheep, 3 grown horses and 3 colts - all in good case. See p. 132. and March 1st 1817 We had consumed not quite 1/4 part of the dry wood on hand p. 161. A new neighbor, Mr Hinman with a family, had just arrived from Southbury, C't to take Mr B's farm. Came in on Saturday eve'g. About hay look at p. 175

One of Mr Brown's nephews, Samuel B. 2nd., came with one of the teams Letter to which brought on the family & effects of Mr Hinman, by him I sent a very G Smedley short letter to G. Smedley - containing no other information than that we were well, had visited Hoosick, that I wrote now to give notice that I should write again. p.148. Completed reading Cooks Voyages. See Jan'y 1st.

Thaw MONDAY, MARCH 2nd Very rainy and gloomy, by which a great quantity of snow had been carried off - wind veered to N.W. at night, bringing on a harsh hail.

Mch 1818 TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd Cloudy and chilly from N.W. The late sudden thaw and rain having raised and broken up most of the streams in the country the flood might reasonably have been expected to do many serious damages - In this town it carried away a part of Mr Eldad Dewey's mill-dam, also that of Messrs Walbridge, the bridge above it & the bridge near Esq'r Henry's. From Widow Hull's father Mrs Davenport. brought in his cutter, W. part of Bennington, Mrs Davenport - had an iron wedge manufactured from two old axes at Col Norton's and the initials of his name stamped thereon. Friend Erastus chopped on the wood pile for the purpose of changing works. Mr N. Downs came to see us respecting flax-dressing. Mr Davenport likewise came over and talked with us while we were removing some straw in the barn, about our little accounts, about which there was not a clear understanding, he agreed to bring over his book or paper and make a fair settlement. Sleighing Cider broached. rough & poor. We broached our 2nd and last hogshead of cider this day.

Erastus WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th Snowed moderately most of the day - Mild. A walnut tree was felled in the ox-pasture and drawn home, out of which a number of axe-helves were rived out.- other parts were saved for fuel. P.M. we began splitting and piling wood - Erastus assisted - but not to the amount of half a day.

Mch 1818 THURSDAY, MARCH 5th A considerable quantity of snow had fallen during the night and this morning - a drifting N.W succeeded -
173 Towards noon father and myself rode towards Col Norton's and settled book accounts with him which had stood from March 1813 to the present time. On his part the amount was, chiefly for blacksmithing, \$45.34" - On ours \$43.20", but this reckoning did not include a quarter of beef which Parsons delivered the Col on our account in Sept 1815 when I was on my tour to Connecticut and never had regular returns of the weight, so that I could never charge it. This was left out for further information. Sett'l'mt with Col Norton Having chatted a few moments we parted in friendship - visited Pickett's Store, bought 19 cents worth buttons for pate-loons - Called on friend Squire & Buckley Squire's and ballanced books by due-bill in our favor - against Son Saxton Squire & Son - \$1.46 - Our account amounted to \$9.00" I visited Little the house of L. Dewey & J. Palmer to see a small flute - was disappointed flute. - the thing was a mere trifle - We did a little business with Melissa Visit at Street and went home. Having borrowed two flutes visited friend L.Norton L.Nortons and spent the eve'g in full concert with friend S. H. Blackmer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th It had been a very cold night - extremely cold all day and clear - wind N.W. Father gallanted cousin Annis and his youngest daughter to Hoosack Falls and returned with them in the evening - I worked in the P.M. at the wood-pile - Dimmick & Erastus got out flax together - See Sat'y - Mr Enoch Bird about 11 A.M. called upon us - made a short tarry - dined and set out for Pittsford - his residence being there, in the stage. Was engaged in peddling for a potter named Olcutt - was lately sick, but now getting over it - See

Death of Dr Jonas Fay. page 21 - Died this P.M. at Judge Fay's Dr Jonas Fay in the 82nd year of his age. My friends Norton & Blackmer visited me this morning-evening.

Mch 1818 174 Erastus and Dimmick had got out 71-3/4 lbs flax & worked 3 days. Mother & Lydia had a good round-about ride - visited uncle S.Robinson's - all doing well there - saw a letter from Widow Docia of Attica to him - P Mr Doty of Wilmington arrived in the evening hearty.

Dr Fay funeral. SUNDAY, MARCH 8th., Clear, pleasant and cold again - Wind S.W. A part of the family attended service - myself inclusive - Mr Marsh pronounced the funeral service over the remains of Dr Fay from the 59th Chap 16th verse of the book of Isaiah. At noon I Election eering. procured a set of Gazette's at D. Clark's - read E. W. Robinson's curious electioneering letter in behalf of D. Clinton. Rode home, a part of Mr West the way, in capt Norton's sleigh. Mr West came to see us this morning - had lately arrived from the W. part of N. York, had seen Theodosia and Doty. family so lately as the forepart of Feb'y., all well, At evening Mr Doty went to Hubbard's in Pownal - did not return.

Round-about route. MONDAY, MARCH 9th., Clear, pleasant & warm - wind S. - Erastus and myself worked at the wood-pile - Father galla- vanted Mother on her round-about route - left her to visit at E.Waters' and spent the remainder of the P.M. at work - Cousin Annis, Sally, 'Dama and Adeline rode up Mch 1818 175 to participate in the vis and to return with mother - about mid-day Mr Doty called - refreshed - left with me in cash three dollars to pay to Mr Brown on a note sometime since due - I was to see it endorsed. At Lieut eve'g. Mr M. Scott brought hither Miss L. Street whom he left and short- ly himself withdrew to see his friend Lieut Smith who was in town. Hay The smallest parcel of hay mentioned on the 1st inst lasted till this morning - and there was more clover than enough to feed the whole stock at night.

Cash pd Brown TUESDAY, MARCH 10th Drove slowly at the wood pile. Father & I sawed, split, and piled wood. Erastus chopped upon the big-pile. Mr Brown rec'd the above mentioned money, but not having his note by him I could not then see it endorsed. We again Hay broached the W. mow of hay - it was very good - hard pressed, but rather Blazedell smoky - All our creatures were in decent order. Blazedell had the oxen & oxen & sled a little while this P.M. to draw bean-straw from the Caldwells barn to his house. Warm and extremely pleasant - wind S.W. 'Dama and Dama L.Street having Nancy & the cutter, rode to Shaftsbury, and returned, in L Street the P.M. - the latter wanted to get in with a tailoress as an apprentice but failed - Friend M. Scott came this evening and gallanted her to his M.Scott brother's - we got deeply engaged talking of his western tour at the close of 1817 - and war occurrences connected therewith by recollection - just as he departed. Our snow now dwindled away fast.

Mch 1818 176 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th Fair and warm - wind South. We wrought upon Erastus the wood-pile. Erastus broke flax - Made an at- tempt at reading Shakespeare's Mabeth, but not getting into the spirit of flax. it, Dropp'd it for Carey's Museum for 1790. Cousin Annis on horseback, visited at Mr Duncan's,

THURSDAY, MARCH 12th Fine, warm weather - Sleighing spoiled, wind S. Continued working at the wood-pile - Erastus Chopped cprd wood on Parson's wood lot - This evening relished Macbeth right well - J.Murphy came here this morning - engaged to visit him on

Wood Saturday P.M. This day I heard a blue bird sing. Two calves more were added to those mentioned p. - all of the male kind, - the dams were in rotation a small two years old heifer - black, with a white face, "Star" Calves "White Face" and young "Line" - I ought according to time to put "White "face" last, but there was but little difference in that respect. P.180 error corrected.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th Very warm - wind S. - Good sap weather. We pursued the work mentioned above. Erastus in P's woods. Mr Parsons this, or the preceding day, got a quantity of hops Beer determined to have some hop-beer - This evening read but little.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14th., Continued extremely warm 'till past 3 P.M. - the wind then veered to W. or N.W. and it began to grow cool pretty fast - great part of the snow on the W. mountain Mch 1818 had been carried off. Robins, blue-birds and sparrows cheered us with 177 their melodious strains. We had now raised a double wood-pile, cut stove Spring length, except at the ends and bottom, and split very fine - exceeding 7 birds. 6 feet - in height, 4 in breadth and rather over 27 in length, piled Wood split close and according to arithmetical calculation comprising about 5 cords up at & 8 ft. Sarah & I rode in the double waggon to J. Murphy's near Saffords this time mill - made a good P.M. visit, though rather late - had 4 bushels of corn Visited J ground - took in a small grist for E. Waters and after sun-down made a Murphy's safe return - had the wood-saw set and filed by Waters which I brought Money lent back with me - Lent to Horace Dimmick \$1.73", which he promised to pay to H. the ensuing Tuesday. A settlement was made with Mr Davenport who since Dimmick the 10th ult had bo't potatoes, meal &c to the am't of \$3.48" - he now p. 178 owed 78", which he paid down in specie. At evening I was warmly engaged Settlem't with the Tragedy of Richard 2nd. Friend Erastus worked again in Parsons with Dav- woods - cutting cord wood. I omitted mentioning that in riding to Mr M's enport we encountered some very rough travelling, though most of the way, Shakes- except in Algiers, the frost was not broken through. Mr S.H. Blackmer peare closed his school this day - having given general satisfaction to the Roads District - See p. 124.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15th., Not very cold - cloudy, muddy - wind N.W. Conklin Father attended service with friend T.C. Parsons, Jun'r Seth P. & D. Conling Jun - To the last I was introduced at night. Read Sheakespeare.

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178 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th On the 15th at night there was a small shower of snow with high wind from N.W. - froze hard as it did the 2 succeeding nights - cold days but fair and favorable to business - Our work continued the same as the last week - about half of a 2d pile, such as described p. 177, was raised, and a quantity of oven wood Mrs Batt split out. Erastus held to his job on the mountain. Mrs Batt paid us a Shakes- visit - went away this morning. My reading pleased me highly indeed, peare. being mostly the plays of Shakespeare. Snow all off except large banks. On Tuesday eve'g friend Dimmick asked to be excused 'till this morn'g - Money but evening arrived, no money nor Dimmick. See P. 177 9 o'clock at paid. night our friend redeemed his honor - paid \$1.75" in full.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19th Cold morning - fine fair day - wind N. Business as above. Morning and evening made fruitless p/179 attempts at making peace between Mr Brown and J. Rogers - more of this p. West. 179 - West, Parsons and Jonathan were here this evening.

J.Rogers FRIDAY, MARCH 20th Pleasant and warm - wind S. Work the same -
Dimmick & J.Rogers chopped for us. Dimmick and Erastus got
Montague out flax. In the whole there has been dressed 100 3/4 lbs flax. Father
Flax. attended a meeting of the Meeting house or the Minister Society to see
Meeting what could be done
House Scy for the support of Mr Marsh. However, there appearing to be a diminution
of members as well as want of unanimity among the members, which was mani-
Mch 1818 fested in some warm speeches, savoring strongly of political division -
179 the meeting was adjourned 2 weeks without coming to a decision. This day
I broke our favorite whip-saw in a foolish manner, but not so but that it
Saw bro- ran tolerably well. Mr Brown's quarrel with friend Jonathan originated
ken.p.127 with a trifle, and was likely to end so. Submission was what he desired
but never could obtain. He vainly thought to take advantage of a certain
Quarrel affair in which some of our young bucks were engaged, in this neighborhood
during the course of last season - This he alledged against friend J.,
saying he could prove him guilty, and certainly would do it if he did not
immediately come and settle with him for it. I undertook to persuade him
from this rash low-resolution - granting that there was blame on both
sides - Mr B. for finding fault with J. where he was not blame, and the
latter for talking saucy to the former forgetting that Mr B. was an old
man. I delivered my opinion very plainly to my ancient friend respecting
his intended law-suit - endeavoring to show the dreadful effects of such
a quarrel in the neighborhood as well as the ridiculous light in which he
must appear in taking up a matter of so low and trivial a kind. But all
would not do, he must have satisfaction or he would positively do as he
had said he would - Firing into people's houses must not be suffered -
and if this boot quarrel had never happened, he should have taken up the
matter in hand - however disagreeable it might seem to him and be the con-
sequences what they would to those engaged in it. The plain fact
Mch 1818 was our friend B, since Rogers had so affronted him could not rest easy
180 till he had forced him to acknowledge his great fault, and this was the
means by which he had intended to coerce him, but here he found himself
totally in the dark - the injury of which he complained was committed on
a house leased to another gentleman who never employed him or any man to
take it up, - besides, proof was totally deficient. Having in vain tried
to have the hatchet buried, parted with neighbor B. in friendship, leav-
ing him to ruminate on what had been advanced and returned home. Perhaps
no more will ever be heard of it. P's 34 - 46 - also V.4 p. 323.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st There played a chill, hollow S.E. wind - hazy -
Parsons Worked for friend Parsons with cart and oxen
vats opening his vats - Saw pass towards Pownal - D.Robinson, Jr., S.B.Young,
opened. Charles Wright and Steph'n Robinson - Law, we presumed, drove them that
Lawyers. way. Our 2d double course of the wood-pile, consisting mostly of maple,
Yoke made was nearly compleated and a goodly quantity was added to the oven-wood,
by Dim- besides blocks not worked up. Friend Dimmick made us a yoke and we set-
mick. tled with him and found him indebted to us in the sum of \$1.99" - Our
charges amounted to \$10.97" Friend Erastus rode our young mare on an
unsuccessful route to White Creek and Hoosick to take jobs in his line.
Evening had Shakespeare in hand.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22d E. wind continued - Hail commenced at eve'g.
Perused the pages of Shakespeare. Father & Eras-
tus attended service. Our young stock at the barn had increased to 7
Calves calves - One of the 4 mentioned p. 176 belonged to the other sex.

Mch 1818 MONDAY, MARCH 22nd There being some snow and hail on the ground we
181 improved the opportunity with our teams to draw
down a quantity of bark from our woods to Parsons' - It was taken from
Bark red-oaks felled in June or July 1817 - See V.4 p. . Davenport made
drawn to more premises - assisted about unloading the bark, received 1 bhl pota-
Parsons toes and a peck of Ind. Meal, which now made his account amount to \$1.85
P.M. pursued our steady business - splitting and piling wood - finished
Davenport the course described on Saturday which reckoned with the other would give
debt, 10 cords and 106 feet besides about 180 feet even-wood. P.177 Of the
Wood-pile above bark there was computed to be about a cord. Our green tea ran so
low that one lb was bo't at Pickett's - P. 109.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd., Fair - wind N.W. Very muddy, but the frost did
Dimmick not break through in many places. With horses &
removes. waggon transported a load of household stuff for friend Dimmick to his
uncle Elias' - Damaged the bureau, but it was not my fault - bad waggon-
ing - His uncle conveyed another load of goods and J. Rogers with P's 1
horse waggon gallanted his wife and 2 or 3 children - Mr Brown did the
Letters same by their hired girl Roxan Palmer - Returned by way of the Court House
from A. Young's negro-boy rode with me from the Dr Smith place - Got papers at
& R.Har- Clark's - Letters at the P.O. from Ruth Harwood (March 17) and uncle Asa
wood. March 10th - P.182. Brought out little wheel from Buckley Squire's after
p.182 getting a trifling repair done by friend E. Waters - See Feby 15th - Father
labored at working up the basswood part of the wood-pile.
Mah 1818 Cousin Ruth's letter was dated at Whitestown which informs us that they
182 were now in tolerable health but that since Dec. 1816 source of sickness
and distress indescribable had visited them - he mother being first attack
R.Harwood ed by a consumptive complaint which confined her during the winter, of
letter which, however, as warm weather approached she partially recovered - In
p.184 May 1817 her brother C. August was next violently seized with the Typhus
and Nervous fever from which he did not recover 'till the end of June, dur-
ing which period he was reduced to the last extremity, his life being to-
tally despaired of for several days together - however he once more receiv-
ed his health, Tho' during the summer following he could attend to no bus-
iness through debility. She wrote that he was now doing business at Angel-
ica for a gentleman in Whitensborough. After giving a brief account of
the movements, situation of the family &c & her own employment during the
past year, mentions her intention of getting into some bye-corner and tak-
ing a school the present season - Asks what I think of it. Wants her
Denio debt - Says her brother would pay me when he got able - V.4 p.
She never received mine of March 14th., 1817 forwarded pr N.R.Locke as men-
tioned in V.4 under that day, P.312 Appeared anxious for news.
A, Harwood's Uncle A's letter was filled with troubles - ill health in his family-
letter debts due against him, Calculated to visit us in June - wanted we should
dispose of his property here for money - as it was hard to be had in that
country - Had been building which involved him a debt of 34 dollars - At
the end of his letter expresses a doubt of his being able to come down,
having but \$20. due him of which 18 must go to the merchants.

Mch 1818 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th., Fair and cool - wind sharp from N.W. - We attended
183 a pretty calm town-meeting - Federalists carrying
it by a majority of between 30 and 40 votes - Moses & A. Robinson, Modera-
tor and T. Clerk - See p. I paid but slight attention to it - voted but
few times - wrote 2 letters to friends at the S. - the one to G.Smedley,
Litchfield S. Farms stating our health to be good, making remarks on the
season, past & present and on the flood & its consequences - Likewise tell-
ing him that if our orchard should bear the ensuing season we could not
visit him on account of multiplicity of business, but if on the contrary it
should not bear, we should fail for cash - gave him no encouragement of
our coming, tho' our wishes were strong that way. Mother Stone, her son
Edward and family were particularly remembered - Mr Parsons and all his

Betters family were inserted - in good health. The other to widow Waters informed her of our being well, the changes in our neighborhood - of Mr B's final loss of the Widow and other minor affairs - Sent compliments to her mother, father, brothers & sisters - Forwarded the above by Mr Wallace who was going to Litchfield the next day. Paid \$1.17" to S.H.Blackmer - his school bill - \$3.00 paid Swift & Hyde on Lem Leach's acc't.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26th Raw, rough and cloudy. Continued busy at the wood-pile. Erastus worked at his lime wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th., Hailed, snowed and rained most of the day - rained, however, but little - held up before night - Worked at the wood-pile - Erastus assisted.

Woodpile SATURDAY, MARCH 28th., So much snow had fallen in the night that almost sleighs would slip roughly. Cold, rough and finished cloudy, wind N.W. About all the business that could be worked up, which Mch 1818 swept nearly the whole of it was regularly laid into a third double course 184 which including the oven-wood made an aggregate of about 18 cords - add to the above that which lay loose over the door yard, 2 cords, would give us 20 cords, besides there remained 1/4th part of the old pile, broached Wood p. 161.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th., Cloudy & cold - some stormy - Wrote greatest part Letter to of letter in reply to Cousin Ruth of the 17th R.Harwood inst. p. 182, Condoling with her concerning her misfortunes, expressing joy at the reverse - giving an account of all the people connected with her in the N. part of the town - Mentioning the Denio affair as stated p. 289, telling her that if she had never received my letter of March 14th 1817 - V.4 p. 312, and if I could not put her in a way to recover s'd letter which enclosed the D. note, I would be accountable for it. The reason for my sending her the note can be seen the P. first referred to. An account of Uncle Jonas similar to what is noted p. 39, p140 is inserted - Theodosia and her affairs likewise - and a report that her sister Fannie was married to a Mr Sprout - Sent my compliments to cousin C.A. signifying that we were not in want of what he owed us, that he must not hurt himself by paying it - not to think more of it, but write us without delay. Some few things were said for humor's sake - such as concerning J.G. &c.

Letter to In the evening wrote a short letter to Nathan R.Locke chiefly to obtain N.R.Locke information from him concerning the letter which I sent by him, March 14th., 1817 - wishing him to reply to me at what house and to whom he gave it in Butternuts - Sent our good wishes and compliments to him, his lady, and all enquiring friends. Mr Parsons and his friend Conkling visited us this evening.

Mch 1818 MONDAY, MARCH 30th Stormed roughly from the S. Chiefly rain. The 185 late snow & hail vanished - wind succeeded. Made a partial settlement with friend Erastus, or at least went so far as to get the sum of his account which amounted to \$57.14" P.M. he rode to Shaftsbury to get the Meeting House job, but was not successful. Newel Squire paid me a visit this eve'g. I was busy writing.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st Cold, raw and chilly - Cloudy, wind N.W. Rode to Boards of floor plank - He was absent - they pointed, or I ought to say his man bo't at the mill pointed out the place to which he had gone and with no other H.C.Hulls trouble than walking a long mile, found him engaged with a neighbor working his passage through a thick spruce grove on the declivity of the mountain E. of the right or first sprout of the roaring Branch with a sled-

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load of sap-buckets, for the purpose of tapping maple trees at some distance a-head. My business with him was, just to get a verbal order to the gentleman who attended at the mill, which he readily gave. In this excursion found much old snow - Returned to my old friend at the mill and received a load of the above mentioned plank-spruce-measuring 310 feet board measure at \$1. pr hund'd - Between 3 and 4 P.M. reached home dis't 6 miles - Sent those letters written on Sunday to the P.O. - charged to me - they were mailed this day. These planks were procured on the strength of an order from friend Parsons as stated p. 165-6.

Wood pile Let me here give some description of our wood-pile. It consisted of
V.4 p 3 double courses, 4 ft each in width, 6 in height & over 27 in length - compactly piled, no vacancies between piles - 1/3d basswood on the S. side in quantity as stated p. 184 - no round wood, to speak of, in the squares.

Apl 1818 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st., Cold frozen morning - fair day - wind S.W. Drew
186 a 2d load of such boards as mentioned p. 184 from the same mill - The road from the stage-road to the mill very stony, but
Boards free from much mud - and from M. Norton's 2nd to Mr Dewey's not very bad - thence to the top of meeting house hill - very muddy and hard pulling.
Apples Assisted some at pruning apple trees after my return from Woodford. Mr
West West staid here 2 nights and a day with his horse, which including 25" in arrear for last fall made his bill am't to \$1.37" which he paid in
Shakes'e full. Borrow'd of Mr Bliss the 4 V. of Shakespeare - which I read to the
Boards fr ladies this eve'g. This last load of boards contained 315 feet - 625 in
Hull's the whole.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd., Snowed and rained nearly all day from the S. At night it rained and hailed heavily, with some
Adjourned thunder. P.M. attended the adjourned town-meeting - some particulars
town respecting the first meeting were may be seen p. As to the present
meeting. one, it went on very smoothly in choosing surveyor of highways and hog-haywards of whom there was a goodly number. But, on taking up the business of ~~raising-money~~ raising money, which was open'd by the Report of the Committee app'd to settle with Treasurer and select-men, being read by Judge Fay, a member of s'd commit'e, not a little confusion ensued. This report was sufficiently explicit & circumstantial, but contained some things which I thought might as well have been passed over. An affair between Mr Joseph House and Jonas F. Billings concerning a road being laid through the latter's possessions on complaint of the former, the surveying of which was paid for out of the town-treasury by the selectmen, which

Apl 1818 the report disagreed with, as contrary to law - Andrew Selden's name was
187 dropp'd in as having taken unlawful fees, the complaint having been made to him, he being Town Grand Juror, He, however, defended himself in such a manner as to do away the imputation, but not without taking up sometime in dry debate - The next subject of dispute was the state of the Treasury which the Report made \$8.00" good - the expenditures of the town having exceeded a little over \$700.00 - a debate of considerable length ensued in which Judge Fay, S.B. Young, Gen Robinson, Judge Rovinson, Capt Hendryx, Charles Wright, capt Blackmer and others took part - Some said that at the time the Selectmen began keeping regular books, about 1798, through the irregularity which prevailed in those days, a mistake was made against the town to a considerable amount, but owing to the manner in which the Collector had paid over the money, it never could be discovered till March 1817 when Mr S. Walbridge, Collector for that year, settled in full with the Treasurer &c. Others contended that such a mistake could not exist without being found out and that if the Selectmen had kept fair books - the treasury was as good as reported. Without attempting to follow the crooked course business took in relation to raising money it will be sufficient to mention the am't voted and to what objects appropriated. For the support of the poor and other charg-

es 1-1/2" on the dollar - For making and repairing highways, which occasioned much argumentation, 1/2 cent - Calculated to chiefly to repair the E. Stage-road from the foot of Meeting House Hill to E. Dewey's, and from Witherell's to D. Weeks' and a road in the N.E. part of the town from the gov. Robinson road out E. to Capt Burt's, which was ruined by the flood in 1814

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For building and repairing bridges 2 cents, which was carried thro' so hard that the question had to be tried twice and hand counted the last time - obtained by a small majority. Those for high taxes were for filling the treasury at once, that our town orders might go current, which now, according to Mr Young were 25" under par. Among the advocates for this must be noted and noticed Mr J. Hunt, O. Abell, C. Wright, S. & P. Dewey & others. Those opposed, among whom were J. Robinson, D. Fay, D. Robinson, contended that increased taxation would not remedy the evil, but on the contrary would make more poor through oppressive burthens. The next business which caused noise was a set of resolutions, supposed to have been drawn up by Mr Marsh, presented by Capt Safford, the purport of which was to authorize the selectmen to take charge of the education of poor children, to put overseers over the property of those who were habitual drunkards - and for the suppression of vice and immorality. After considerable discussion in which Mr M. himself came forward and made a lengthy address, fraught with many good things, but flung away on this occasion, and replied to in opposition by Young & Wright - the article was dismissed. I am not quite in order - Previous to the above being bro't up, the shchool fund was handled, some being anxious to have it applied to the benefit of indigent children, but the sum being small and the impracticability of discrimination being considered, it was thought advisable to let it alone at present. New bridges to be built may be seen by turning to p. 172. Late in the P.M. the Authority of the town retired and made out Lists of Grand & Petit Jurors which seeming to show a spirit of concession on either party, were voted in without objection.

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Most of the individuals composing the P.J. list are personally known to me and here I imperfectly insert them

Joseph Hinsdill	Solomon Gale	Aaron Sherwood
Ira Armstrong	Elijah Fillmore	Giles Olin
Daniel Hinsdill	Lucius H. Gibbs	John Norton Sen'r
Jonathan Hunt	Roger Booth	Green Blackmer Pliny Dewey

The above are all I recollect, but those not inserted are of the Fed'l party as are those on the right column. A Committee consisting of Wm Henry, M. Robinson, and David Fay, being chosen to settle with the Selectmen & Treasurer the ensuing year and some other minor business having been performed - we cleared out for home.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd

Davenport
in dis-
tress

It continued stormy and extremely unpleasant, shocking travelling, though the mud was not as deep as it many times is. I witnessed that this day which forcibly wrought on my most tender feelings, if I may presume to possess such. We held a small account (\$1.90") against neighbor Davenport, who was about to seek new quarters; went over and presented it to him for settlement. He said he knew of no way to pay it, having sold nearly all his books - destitute of cash - had nothing left in the world of any value but a very decent cherry fall-leaf table a little soiled, which he said he bo't of Hyde for \$4.50" - offered to turn it out, provided his lady would give consent, to pay our demand and receive the balance in provision, informing me at the same time that the family had been without

Apl 1818 bread of any kind two days past - His wife being absent, he desired I
190 would walk over again within an hour or two - Came home and acquainted the
folks with the proposition which rather suited them. According to Agree-
ment went again to Davenport's - Mrs D. had returned and I presume had agi-
tated the subject above mentioned before my arrival, for sadness and sor-
row were plainly depicted in her countenance - I durst not look her full
in the face lest I should discover tears half suppressed - Never had I be-
fore experienced sensations so cutting, so pitiful and sympathetic as at
this moment - to see a virtuous, innocent, broken hearted woman with a
husband badly calculated every way to support his family or even himself
only, and to behold her surround by 4 children, of which 3 could do little
or nothing towards their maintenance, without the necessaries of life in
a land of plenty, and with scanty but mean collection of furniture, the
only article of value composing it being this table - which she said was
all the all good thing she had in the world, neither had she any other of
whatever kind, but although her feelings were extremely hurt at parting
with it, yet to obtain a few pounds of flour and meal, of necessity made
her willing to grant her consent to it - I say to see a woman in such a
condition calmly and silently submitting to her fate must excite senti-
ments of pity and commiseration in the breasts of every one not steeled
with the cold calculations of avarice or someway benumbed by some fatal
infatuation - However, to be short, we bought the table - weighed them
out 32 lbs rye flour at 30 pr lb, half a bushel of Indian Meal at 50" p'd
\$1.12" in cash, turned in the ac't \$1.90"

Apl 1818 and in the bargain I agreed next day to remove him, as I supposed, from
191 what he said, only a distance of 6 or 7 miles, not far from the White
meeting-house - He boasted to me and his wife what a fine place he had pro-
cured, near a saw-mill in a good neighborhood where he could get constant
employment for himself & eldest son, great business being carried on by
his landlord David Matteson, near whosr house I had reason to expect he
was going to reside. To compensate the woman for the sacrifice she had
made we let her have an old fashioned kitchen cherry table, quite decent
for common use, the first that my mother ever had from under the hand of
a cabinet maker - It was made by Mr Wm Griswold, deceased, 24 or 25 years
since - had been disused the last 3 years, its place being filled by a
larger one, made by E. Waters - At first we said he might have it for \$1.75
but afterwards fell to \$1.50" recollecting that the draw had been lost.
Besides the table, which Mrs D. promised to spin for - he bo't and paid
cash for 6 lbs pork at 0/9 pr lb - sold me P. Progress with his table -
returned home quite rich. This business being thus disposed of, rode in
the waggon with father to town intending to attend the Society adjourned
meeting as named p. 179 but owing to bad weather or some other cause that
meeting did not convene - We left at Col Norton's chains and plough-shares
to be put in tune - Carried a book I rec'd of H. A. Fay, p/99, to Clark's
to be bound and agreed to have 225 newspapers bound for \$1.50" - Called
upon F. Clark for my new hat, but it was not finished - Ere it was dark
we returned home to look after our creatures. Our hay this morning con-
sisted of what remained, after taking off about 5 feet from the south side
of the largest mow mentioned p. 171. Our stock generally in good heart -
cows gave good messes of milk. p.175.

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192 SATURDAY, APRIL 4th Our cold and very unpleasant storm yet continued
- W'd E. This will ever be a day of sore recol-
lection to me. It was late in the morning when I set about getting ready
to remove neighbor Davenport. To be prepared for the worst put both oxen
and horses to the waggon, though I felt no great concern but that the lat-
ter would draw the whole, yet would I endeavor to render it more easy for
the whole - Drove up in front of the house and received the little all the
poor couple had, and after hearing Mr Blazedell accuse our hero of going
away in his debt, 7 dollars, threatening if he would not pay him to throw
him into prison, justly Too I suppose, to which no direct reply was made -

I set sail on this muddy voyage. I found it convenient to ride before we had reached Dr Swift's, which made it much easier for me, than to have gone Davenport on foot as it was extremely splashy, tho' the mud was not deep. Notwith- removal. standing the constant but slow fall of a chilling hail and rain from the E., all went on cheerfully till we were a mile or thereabouts N. of Shaftsbury- White Meeting house where the roads turn to the right and left, and according to his story near our journey's end, I began questioning him whither he was going and how far it was? He returned his usual dry shuffling replies trying to impose on me the belief that I had not come the distance talked of, which was 6 miles near David Matteson's not far from his saw-mill - At last I broke out without reserve and told him that he had intended to deceive me, fearing that if he told me where was going I would not go with him, which to be sure, Tho' I thought and said otherwise then, would have been the case. This said

Apl 1818 I is the way you get enemies - adding that I hoped if ever I became poor 193 (meabing as poverty-struck as himself) (for what else was I now than poor that I should not resort to base deceit, but be right up to the mark, and tell a man what I wanted, what it was and how it was, assuring him I should have gone with him just as quick, had he honestly told me how far it was - When we had fetched round the E. side of a large square, got on our direct rout and beginning to ride the first hills S. of the mountain, D. met with a young man with whom he had formerly been acquainted, who as matter of course, asked where we were going? The answer was that we were going on to the mountain, which was the first I had heard about climbing a mountain - he said our team would have hard pulling there - Again I belched out at him, but it availed nothing - I had enlisted - the woman and family must be carried through and, not knowing what I was to encounter, felt confident that my team could do it not caring if it were late before I returned home - To encourage me, as he thought, he made great offers to me - wanted to have me satisfied - I told him I should take nothing of him and that he had nothing to give - his family wanted every thing he had. At last, however, I said that if he'd buy me a mess of oats for my horses we would be even, so he did at Mr Carpenter's. Here we made a short halt, previous to climbing the Hill of Difficulty.

Thomas was ordered forward with a firebrand to build a fire at the house by the time we should arrive there - Mr C. agreed to accompany us to point out the way - Soon after starting the 2nd time - the ascent and the state of the sail red-

Apl 1818 dered it indispensibly necessary to lighten as much as possible, there- 194 fore Mrs D. with her youngest, aged 2 years, and little Lem undertook to march on foot, leaving little Hannah on board. As we proceeded, the steep increased and it was with the utmost difficulty that we could make headway - The road was but an indifferent wood-road, calculated for sleds and sleighs in winter and never intended for the passage of a loaded waggon - however with much ado we ascended the first and heaviest pitches, but on inquiry found that our distance was hardly one-quarter reduced - Mr C. said it was about 300 rods from his house - he was their highest neighbor, of which the generous Davenport had informed his poor unfortunate Betsey - We now concluded the worst was over - marched along slowly not suspecting what mishap was in store for us - presently the ground was overlaid with snow 2 or 3 inches deep, which as we advanced increased - next the trees were covered with ice, the storm continuing without intermission, myself wet in many places to the skin especially my feet, my team dripping and smoking as though they had just emerged from a river - Our difficulties constantly multiplied as we advanced - the snow growing deeper and deeper, the road becoming less trodden and more sideling, which caused the waggon to slide forcibly to the left thereby exposing it to the danger of upsetting or getting entangled with the saplings. Having now got in sight of cleared fields a short distance to the west where the wind had swept the snow off and lodged it in

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this unfrequented path, where no human being or perhaps any living creature had made a track during the whole Winter we found the snow at least 18 or 20 inches deep so that my horses could not advance a step and could not stand, but we urged them up, pathed the snow in a manner before them - again put forward, but had not gone one rod when the snow taking them in up to their sides and the waggon swallowed up to the axeltrees, drag going immensely heavy, my team down and discouraged I peremptorily refused attempting to go an inch farther - it being in my opinion utterly impossible. However, to be satisfied of this, took the hand irons and followed Mr D. and Mr C. up to the house, which was about 60 rods ahead - here was winter almost undisturbed on his icy roost, the ground all round the house being entirely covered with snow 3 inches deep - to the S.E. was a gaping valley alternately bare and clothes with patches of snow - to the N.E. is seen a narrow opening between high hills or mountains covered with woods - to the E. and S. a forest of low woods obscuring the dreary scene which now was more than usually solemn by reason of the high E. wind which here seemed to be N.E. accompanied by a pretty steady fall of rain and hail, the hoarse and unbroken roaring of the wind through the trees could not but prejudice any person in his right senses against the place. I took but slight notice of the house, but should say that it might be 25 or 30 ft long, 15 or 20 wide, fronting the S., one story high, an underground room at the E. end, into which the poor woman had retired with her children and struck up a fire - I just went in to take a dram of gin which was all the time I staid in the house - I think I saw no barn - and certainly there was no wood nearer than where it grew, for neither this shiftless man nor any human being had visited the lonely mansion the past winter. How wofully had he de-

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ceived his wife and family, as well as me and himself, he not having seen the place within about three years - Instead of that fine spot near a saw mill, in a thick settled neighborhood; here had he posted them on the pinnacle of this savage mountain a hard mile from any neighbor, and besides, as I afterwards learned from Mrs Carpenter, in the vicinity of a number of other poor families - I do say that any man who will conduct thus, deserves the severest punishment. Having provided myself with a wooden shovel cut out of a pine board, proceeded with my friends back to my team. Mr D. endeavored to persuade me to persist in going forward, but I utterly refused moving an inch - Advised him to get a sled and 2 yoke of oxen if he wished to draw his goods to his house, for I should unload on the spot and get out as well as I could - Accordingly we went to work and soon discharged my cargo, and by assistance from these gent, hitching my oxen to the hind part of the waggon, which was up-set twice, got round, received all that pertained to me, put my horses forward, chained the oxen to the stern, shipped a-board of my waggon, took short leave of friend Davenport and returned to Mr Carpenter's at the foot of the mountain - Here I was treated in a very friendly manner - baited the team, dried my clothes as much as time would permit, refreshed on some good cold-cut, for which they would receive nothing in return - indeed I could do no less than beg, because supposing my journey short & easy, had not provided myself with a cent of cash. I will hold this favor in grateful remembrance, because my condition was a suffering one. They appeared to be active, friendly, industrious people - the man had been unwell - 3 hands dressing flax at the barn. 10 at night reached home, wet and benumbed with cold. A few words

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more respecting Mr D. He was a man pretending to considerable education, had taught school in various places, but by intemperance, idleness, lying and a host of other vices, was now reduced to a day laborer, and having procured the ill-will of all his acquaintance became the cause of his family's suffering, many times most cruelly - They received from us nearly all their winter's provision - consisting chiefly of potatoes & Ind'n meal, for which he paid cash, sometimes on delivery, sometimes at short

credit, but it was pure necessity that made him thus punctual, for as it is related p.189, he at last got in our debt, which together with other reasons led me into the troubles above described. D. was upward of 40 years old.

SUNDAY (Saturday) APRIL 5th It stormed harder than on Saturday - Cold E. wind. My route did not quite break me down, nor did it quite destroy my team, tho' they looked very sorry - Attended to usual concerns.

MONDAY, APRIL 6th Continued very misty and cloudy - wind N.W. Unusually muddy and unpleasant - Rained slowly all day. The brush-fence W. of the old sugar-orchard was set in order to defend the rye, which looked well - p.31 - Other fences were looked after with the view of letting the cattle scour the woods, which ere this, they had not been permitted to do. Mr Horatio Clark, for mending a few tin-pans, two tea-kettles, a copper & tin one, and some other articles in the tinker's craft, charged \$1.00 - which was allowed to him. Something was said on the subject when it was found that he rec'd but'r at 1/0.

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Cows &
calves.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7th., The weather received no alteration - splashy & nasty. When not too wet, attended to old fences, Chiefly around the S. wing of the Sheep-pasture - Frost mostly out of the ground. Little Paddy, as she was called, had a calf by her side - Brock's calf which could never suck without assistance, after trying him a fortnight to see if he'd grow to veal was dispatched on Saturday, or say Friday, & his carcass given to foxes & crows - Had now 7 new milch cows & 6 calves.

Fence
removed

M.Scott
& dog.

H.Batt,
Spinster

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8th But little difference between this day & the 7th Rainy and very muddy. In the morning we sowed that clover-seed mentioned p. 157 on the field described p. after which removed a few feet of board fence between the 2 houses so as to have it run in a line with the great gate S.E. of the house. While busy at this M. Scott came here with Parsons, and assisted a little - we treated them with cider. S. said he had heard from his favorite hound at Castleton in Col Clark's service, that he had chased a wolf six days and returned badly wounded, but was recovering. From the S. end of the fence just mentioned which reaches as far as against the N.E. corner of the other house, a passage being left through which to fetch water, a temporary fence was continued to the meadow fence for a calf pasture - The fence removed had stood 8 years and the red oak posts were pretty good - the timber grew in cleared land. Busy at writing this evening. Hetty Bat came here to spinning, on Sunday eve'g.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th Snowed very fast in the morning - continued raining and snowing rest of the day. Snow and mud caused most uncomfortable walking and the storm was tediously chilling & wet. We settled accounts with Mr Parsons whose charges included \$6.25⁰⁰ in boards from Hulls - p.186 - \$3.00 in sawing by Choat in 1814 and \$1.75⁰⁰ in work at Scott's as mentioned p. 55 - amounted to \$59.24⁰⁰ - On our part they amounted to \$61.50 besides we held a note of \$6.00 on settlement Feb'y 25th., 1817 with an endorsement of 58 cents, which however was not named in the book - the whole being added to the account - raised it to the sum of \$67.50 - leaving due from Parsons \$8.36⁰⁰ for which he gave a duebill with the same endorsement mentioned above - Mr West was present and shaved himself, sweating like a beaver on account of the heat of the stove. Next we settled with Mr Brown against whom our charges amounted to \$17.22⁰⁰ - his to \$11.50 - the balance in

Settlement with Parsons, Brown & Montague our favor was endorsed on the \$184.83" note - given May 10th 1817 - and there was due two years interest on the note given Mr B. June 3rd 1816 being \$6.00 - 2d years ending June 1818 - Interest due on the great note after subtracting \$5.72" - amounted to \$5.37" - which added to the afore said \$6.00 would leave due, after the 10th of May & 3rd of June to Mr B. \$11.37" The greatest harmony prevailed during the transaction of this business - Borrowed his flute - Came home and settled with friend Montague who exhibited an account of \$60.89 - to which we could oppose but \$46.24" - Balanced by duebill - \$14.65" - all satisfied

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10th The tops of the mountains were thickly covered with snow; in many parts the ground in the vicinity of these was white as in winter - continued so all day - The storm gradually ceased, and ere night it was calm - clouds broken. We supposed this long storm had favored grain and grass - it was believed the former was much of it alive - Our part of the Norton line fence, running E & W was examined and repaired - Likewise that on the Brown line, built in 1816 - V.4 pl86 and other fences were put in order - Frost yet in the gr'd north side stone fences. Mr Conkling came here this evening along with T. C. Parsons Esq'r

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th Ground frozen in the morning - Pleasant day A. M. Put 5 calves out to pasture - made preparations for removing the Milk room - P.M. pruned apple trees. Chauncey, having finished knocking dung, went angling, but was rather unsuccessful

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th., Mud frozen in the morning - Pleasant day. H. Bet Batt rode home and in the P.M. returned, bringing a letter, given her at E. Waters', from Mrs A. Waters by capt. Dimmick, mentioning the receipt of mine of March 25th - All in usual health except herself who had not enjoyed so good as in the preceding winter - Some talk of going to the W. - It was good and lively - have not time to say more of it. At evening visited friend Elisha to see if he would come next day and assist in removing the milk-room. After visiting Algiers with him he promised to be here on Tuesday with his friend Kent.

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MONDAY, APRIL 13th., It was slightly frozen in the morning - Drying and pleasant remainder of the day - Wind N.W.

Removal The main business was preparation for, and removal of the "milk room" which was effected by few hands under the direction of our good friend Montague - It was shoved on small rollers - it is a building a little less than 12 ft square - it was framed and covered by uncle Clark for grandfather in the year 1786 - stood between the windows of the lower story at the N. end of the house, was now removed to the W. side so as to come even with the N. side of the kitchen windows, for better accommodating our dairy business - The chief assistance we received from our neighbors was from Mr Parsons' journeyman named Cushing, late from N.H. He was really a good hand - came on about 5 P.M. and stuck by till 8 at night - We sent to P. himself and Jonathan, but they being absent at the time word was given, the former only attended - arrived past sundown, but saw the job ended. Father in the A.M. made an unsuccessful journey to Choat's to buy boards - the man was gone from home, and he saw few boards. P.M. attended here, but had a bad cold, nearly sick.

E. Waters TUESDAY, APRIL 14th Raw, chilly and hazy - wind N.W. Mr Waters and his friend Kent came on & commenced putting affairs about the lately removed building, in order. I was sent to Choat's - Pownal - to get a few boards and clapboards but after spending some time in gazing at his tottering mill, which in various places was held together by chains

Apl 1818 consulting him respecting the boards, of which he had none to my liking.
 202 ruminating on what was proper to do, assisting him some in the meantime
 in rolling a large pine saw log - laid my course for A. Noble's mill to
 see what success I should there meet with. On the way thither called at
 Dunning Ashbel Noble's to inform me that E. Waters sent by me to know if he could
 for pay him \$6.00 in cash, due on the 1st inst - he replied that he would call
 money. on him one day the present week.- and then when I came past him again he
 told me had dispatched a boy to Williamstown to get money, but was not
 sure he would obtain any, however he would come up and see Mr W. on day
 Boards this week - Bo't at Abner N's mill 208 feet common kind of pine boards
 bo't at called an inch thick, but were most of them less than that by 1/4" -
 Ab Nobles deducting 8 ft for rot & rain, had them for 200 at \$1 pr hund - These
 were measured to me by one of Mr N's sons who was sawing them alone -
 agreed to wait till fall for pay. Wanted to purchase clapboards, but they
 had none seasoned and those which they had were of too high a quality
 for our use. When I had arrived to the long hill S. of the Blue-hill,
 returning from this excursion met Dr Swift and agreed with him for 200
 feet clapboards middling quality at the rate of \$12 pr thousand exclu-
 sive of transportation, which I think he said would be 1/0 pr hund -
 Irons from amounting in full according to that, to \$2.73" - Towards night visited
 Col Nor- town - went to Col Norton's - got some work done there - went to gen.
 tons Robinson's - had a very agreeable conversation with friend Heman in the
 course of which he mentioned his being 30 years of age in February past.
 H. Robin- My business was to inquire for straw to bind bonnets with - he informed
 sons me on examination - they found none of it would answer.
 My friend was afflicted with a very bad cold. Elliott Hills was
 Apl 1818 there building a large screene for drying clothes in the poultry yard.
 203 From Col N's brought 2 ploughs shares, a draft & whiffle-tree chains
 and some other trifling things of the kind. From P. Dewey's took 3
 M. Street passengers - Melissa & Lucy Streat & Mary F. Robinson, who danced a
 M.F. Robin little in the evening and tarried the night.
 son.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th Annual Fast - Warm and pleasant - wind N.E.

A.M. business being urgent, sowed plaster on
 Plaster the wheat field and various spots along the western border of the S.
 sown meadow - on the field we scattered, of this stuff, 2-1/2 bushels - there
 being 2 1/8 acres. P.M. father went to church, where he saw our friend
 Conklin Conklin make triumphal entry with Miss H. Hubbell, towards both whom
 all eyes were turned with various sentiments it was presumed -
 Our friend A. D. Robinson was present and saw this - what his ideas were
 is best known to himself - The above personages now made much conversa-
 tion among all classes in town. Made it my business P.M. to write a
 little, and to collect & arrange newspapers, besides just at night wait-
 ing upon those ladies named above; (who had spent the day here walking
 about the rocks and woods W. of the house accompanied by our ladies) to
 P. Dewey's - and returning from thence took on 221 feet clapboards,
 nearly such kind, but rather superior to those agreed for on the 14th -
 Season at Dr Swift's - measured under the Dr's eye by E. Waters. The wind since
 Tuesday morning had dried up remarkably fast - grass in spots looked
 fresh & green

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 204 THURSDAY, APRIL 16th., Rained in the morning - clouds flying from the
 S. till near night - meantime warm growing sea-
 son - At evening - wind N.W.- brought rain and hail forcibly. The great
 pasture on the S.E. angle of the farm, containing about 14 acres ground,
 was sown with a like number of bushels plaster - Montague, having in A.
 M. visited Almon Ovatt to get cash, which O. promised to bring him next
 day, P.M. assisted us. We pursued the same method as is usual in sowing
 grain. Mr Waters worked on the Milk room. Chauncey was sent to Col.

Waters Norton's to get a hinge-hook mended, and brought home that & a new clevis and pin fitted to a plough manufactured from pieces of old iron found by us.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17th., It had rained much the preceding evening - Flying clouds - wind N.W. till towards evening - it then appeared likely for rain - Mountains and elevated lands all round were clothed with snow - however it was not very cold - Grass and grain flourished considerably - We again pursued the business of the preceding day, assisted by friend Montague - Our manner of sawing was a little changed - Instead of setting up three stakes, made use of but one, to which the man at the right or left alternately directed his course - each walked three paces from the other. The W. pasture, commonly called the ox-pasture, the young orchard, several dry knolls and a narrow slip on the W. side of the upper meadow, S. meadow - a poor piece S. of the upper brook on the Fay line against the N. end of the pasture another small piece on the same line N. of the upper brook - the central parts around a certain walnut tree and a few patches near the old brook-place, were sown with plaster - and there were likewise such parts of the N. meadow as would answer sown - also a breadth of 18 paces through the rye field from N. to S. in the direction of a walnut tree standing by itself about 13 rods E. of the old sugar-orchard - and a strip about 6 paces in width extending from the N.W. corner of the pasture described p. 204, to the N. extremity of the pasture joined to the S. meadow immediately S. of the house, including a narrow border of said pasture contiguous to the meadow. - likewise the little meadow, which had been well manured - was sown over with plaster. Had but 4 or 5 bushels left of the quantity, 1-1/2 tons, bought in the winter- p's 145, 154, 157. E. Waters here again - Chauncey put up fences.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th., Cold and rainy from N.E. black & unpleasant over head - mountains white - roads deep & mery, meadows wet & spongy - fields too heavy in general to plough, though it seems our neighbor Hinman continued it in that field N. of Tan-brook in spite of these discouraging circumstances. Five poplars were taken up and set in the line of a like number which had failed in the row planted above Parsons' April 1817 - I on the W. & the other 4 at the E. end of the row. Our main business was clearing away the rubbish from the former site of the building lately removed and underpinning the same. Friend Montague worked for us till 2 or 3 P.M. and then rode to Algiers on business. Waters here again. Chauncey was sent to mill with a considerable grist of wheat & barley wheat.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th., Snowed fast in the morning - ground completely covered, trees loaded, or rather, looked like a man with powdered locks - air cold & freezing, w'd N.W. On Saturday 2 swallows were seen by us as we were sowing plaster in the N. meadow - I say Saturday but mean Friday. Arranged the N.Y. Columbian to the end of February 1818 and the V't Gazette to the end of March - Girls busy with novels.

MONDAY, APRIL 20th., The ground was frozen hard - continued cold, unpleasant and cloudy all day - wind W. or N.W. - snowed at night. Visited Hull's mill and received on our own account 125 feet scantling - and on E. Montague's received 400 feet hemlock lath - The former at 1 cbt pr foot, the latter at \$6.50 pr thousand - birch scantling - B by H chiefly - 3 by 4 chiefly - Hull not present - gone to Barrass' to buy hay - did business with his man. Saw J. Murphy and his brother-in-law at the mill getting scantling for a door-yard fence. On my return took a considerable grist at Safford's mill Besides

stuff, all which I arrived safely with by way of P. Smith's & capt. Nortons about sun-set - Found no very muddy going till I came past S. Pratt Jun'rs - then came in succession to several bad places, but although in coming round this way I found in the course of it some pretty deep holes, it was no touch to the E. stage road between the meeting-house hill & Mr E. Dewey's, which was almost impassable with empty carriages. To my wagon attached the same team employed in going to Shaftsbury - P. 192. Cousin Annis sewed together a great number of newspapers for me. Erastus looked in Pownal for dry wood to burn lime.

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Fences

Newspapers sent to the binder.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21st., Another frozen morning - Cold, cloudy, some snowy and gloomy all day - Changeable winds - main part north. A.M. repaired post & rail wall on the Fay line built in 1803 by Dr Jonas - beginning at the S.E. corner of the S. meadow near the butternut tree at the first S.W. corner of the Fay farm - in a bad state, but we made do for "the present" - from this proceeded to a fence of like description on the N. side of the 14 acre pasture described p. 204, continued to pursue the same course on another fence of the same fashion N. side of the next pasture W. - much impaired - built by the same gentleman and Benj. Morse in 1801. P.M. other fences and other concerns were attended to - Sent to S. Clark's to be bound 249 newspapers - from Jan'y 1806 to Jan'y 1811. Capt Norton's people appeared to be sowing spring-wheat - We ploughed our garden - the first operation of the kind performed the present season - Friend Erastus worked at getting wood in Pownal - Waters was not here this day - though he came on Monday - Cousin Annis visited at Mr Duncan's returned at eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd

Whiffle - trees.

Nails.

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Waters

Very discouraging frosts continued - the ground was frozen like pavement in the morning - mountains in every direction covered with snow - cold blasts of wind from N.W. This morning Chauncey was sent off with two new whiffle-trees with a set of old irons to be fixed at Col Norton's - bo't nails &c at Picketts'. P. sent a bill of \$2.94 taken up since the 15th inst - P.M. attended to ploughing - We likewise did other remarkable deeds, such as liberating the old sow, and her family. - shearing mop-wool from off the sheep at which Mr Duncan assisted, making hog sties &c Mr Waters finished the inside work of the milk-room and partly clapboarded the N. end of the house where that famous building had stood.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd

No material alteration in the weather - at eve it rather became warmer and more spring-like. The snow on the Trenor & Barney clearings remained entirely smooth defying the direct rays of the sun, as it would seem - Two plows were in motion - Chauncey fretted hard at his team - the plough was out of tune - father had a hard one in holding it - Waters finished clapboarding - made 2 movable sinks for the ladies. Friend Erastus worked for Dexter.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th.,

Fair - ground frozen in the morning - chilling blasts from N.W. Snow on the E. & N. mountains made a conspicuous show - there was a great body of it. Two plows again in service - Harry Parsons rode horse - Chauncey was ill. We finished ploughing for spring-wheat and executed more - went to Mr Loomis & borrowed a harrow

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th.,

Fine day, though a little frozen in the morning. P.M. the snow on the mountains began to grow thinner streaked. The field W. of the barn skirting the rocks - containing about 4 acres sown with sp'g wh't, with the exception of a little patch next to the meadow too wet.

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This field produced corn and potatoes in 1817 - was now ploughed but once
Manner of - the seed which had been soaked in lime 48 hours, was sown upon the
sowing. furrows, across which a single sweep was fetched with the harrow and then
previous to cross-harrowing, about 4 bushels of plaster was sown - all
was finished ere sun-down in fine order. Friend Rogers drove the horses
& I the old mare & steers - Chauncey was chiefly employed in running on
errands. The Artillery chose officers this P.M. - made choice of Saf-
ford Robinson for capt. It took 6 bush'ls sp'g wh't to sow this field.
See V. 4 p. 328 - V. 5 p. 14. It was now in contemplation to finish off
Waters the N. chamber. On Friday Waters with his man Kent worked at casing the
windows, posts &c. Friend Montague worked at lathing on that & part of
Boards of the succeeding day. Waters nor Kent not here the latter day. Received
Dr Swift of Dr Swift this morning 192 feet of pine boards - common or middling
quality. Mrs Duncan came down from P. mountain and paid us a very agree-
Mrs Duncanable visit, which was prolonged to Sunday P.M. Mr Luther Stockwell of
Luther Shaftsbury on his return from Northampton took lodging here this night -
Stockwell got up extremely late next morning - the reason he gave for it was be-
cause he lay and heard it rain -, concluded he might as well be here as
anywhere - Steered for home P.M. John Stockwell who was some ten years
old married to a daughter of Tho's Lewis, he said was his brother - now
living at Butternuts N. V.4 p . - See Journ'l for 1807 - More socia-
ble than intelligable.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th., Fine spring-day - rather chilly - wind N.W. -
hazy & cloudy. Erastus & I sat together some
Innocula- part of the day writing - read Shakespeare a little myself - In the y'g
tions. orchard found most of my inoculations dead - p.19.
Apl 1818 Mr West started from Parsons' for Columbia County, N.Y.
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MONDAY, APRIL 27th., Warm, calm weather A.M. but P.M. showery from N.
W. That parcel of ground mentioned p. 44 was
Gate sown with barley-wheat and flax-seed. See p. . A great gate was near-
ly completed by Mr Kent - Waters worked upon the N. chamber - Erastus
had put fire to his limekiln. Chauncey was gone nearly all day getting
hooks & eyes made to hang the big gate on and to get those implements
Limekiln mentioned p. 207 at Col Norton's - Parsons had the oxen and waggon to
draw half a ton of hay from P. Smith's home - and again employed them
Oxen at P.M. at carting manure. Col Merrill ar'd from Washington this P.M.
Parsons I have not mentioned that while harnessing I took a partial soaking -
Hay growing quite scarce - the remnant of the W. mow was no higher than
the floor grit on that side of the floor - and it was not over feet
in breadth from N. to S. - this was all we had - No more straw on hand
than would be wanted to use during Summer - See March 1st and some oth-
er dates.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28th The mountains were again crowned with snow - it
rained and snowed here awhile in the morning.
Rain & More fair P.M. but hazy - Grass and grain continued looking well. We
Snow. made a choaring day of it - Cut two butternut trees for eve-spouts -
Eve- walnut for ox-bows - had the spouts hewn and dug out P.M. chiefly by Mr
spouts. Duncan. Waters painted the milk room - Mr Kent worked in the N. chamber
Kent. I planted an apple tree in the S.W. of the y'g orchard. Erastus busy at
Apple his kilns. Chauncey sick at night.
tree.
Apl 1818 The ovenwood of which there was a goodly quantity, wrought out of
211 excellent rock-maple, was removed to the N. side of the wood-pile, and
Oven wood there laid up in excellent style by our ladies, who generously lent their
removed. aid on this important occasion - it had been at first piled at the E.
end of the pile, but now since our great overturns, it was found abso-
lutely necessary to remove it.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th., The weather continued thick and heavy -

J. Rogers of the day attempted to push two teams at plowing - friend Jonathan with the horses, myself and Chauncey with the oxen, but owing to the ill state of the weather and time spent in botching his plough our performance was but ordinary - J. went home at noon. Kent and Waters contemplated hanging the big-gate, vut a new window through the S. end of the house for the benefit of the kitchen - the sashes were taken from the N. end of the house opposite, others replaced in their stead - taken from the W. side of that house - other work progressed apace in the joiner line - they ordered me in haste to go for more nails - bought 3 lbs at Pickett's - Rec'd from the P.O. a letter from Richard Wolleben, stating in substance that a few days previous to his writing, March 31st., Isaac Harmon had received a letter from his sister here, Mrs Scott, mentioning that he had reported while here last winter (p.147), that Martin & Isaac H. were squandering their property or something to that effect, and if they proceeded in their present course, would not have a cent left, &c. Desired me to write back to him the substance of our conversation - at the same time denying the charge - and I say here and everywhere that I recollect no such thing said by him - Dated at Fredonia, N.Y. Postage charged 18-1/2. Near night got pretty wet looking, with father, for a heifer that had lately had a calf in the road. All came out right.- safe

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Gardner
Carter

In returning from town this P.M. rode in a waggon with a Mr Gardner, who had beside him a smart looking young lady - himself appearing to be something advanced - in the hind end of his waggon there was a passenger not over thirty years of age drunk as Cloe - they told me he belonged to Pownal, abd that his name was Carter. All were of Pownal.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30th., I am not sure that it was frozen this morning

but it continued rainy till past noon - from this time till night there were flying clouds and slight showers of rain - Our joiners had nearly finished their work here - The zstoop roof was mostly shingled, and might have been compleated had there been shingles on hand - those now put on were bo't of Mr Parsons - 1-1/2 thousand, spruce, at \$2.25" pr thousand with the additional 25 vents transportation - amounting in full to \$3.62". Montague had underpinbed the milk-room and almost finished lathing the north chamber - My main business was getting a load of sand from the hill N. of Parsons' up which there is a wrooked steep road. I had an ozen and horses, made up my load of 22 three peck baskets of sand - chained one of the hind whea wheels and came down without much trouble, tho' I felt extremely ticklish all the way to the bottom of the steep. Chauncey was with me - I directed him to lead my horses down by themselves in rear of the waggon, and did not put them before the oxen until we had crossed the Bridge over the branch - We then came on smoothly - received 1000 spruce shingles at wapt Abell's in friend Montague's account at \$2.50". Saw friend L. Norton there - Arrived at home about sun-set. As we were going to the sand hill, stopped a moment to examine Mr Trenor's work - found all things in comfortzble order - as fizr as could be expected. Two eve-spits were raised, the one to the milk-room, the other N. side of the barn.

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FRIDAY, MAY 1st.,

Cold and some frosty in the morning, but in tle the main it was pretty good weather - hazy,

Lime bo't
of
Montague

cloudy and a little rainy.- Brought 8-1/2 bushels lime from Erastus' kiln from which in the P.M. a fine bed of mortar was made - Borrowed an old mortar hod of L. Norton, it was in his father's cellar which was much incommoded by water, being in some parts 2 or 3 inches deep. Mrs

Kent. P. Norton had a sore hand. Mr Kent having laid the shingles with assistance from others, on the upper part of the stoop-roof and the S. part of the milk room roof - a few courses of the upper end of which was made up of shingles turned - and doing some small jobs - departed for other quarters past noon. After part of the day the old shingles were cleared from the door, the better part saved for occasional use - the nails drawn out, the others flung by to burn. The barley-wheat patch was harrowed over again.

SATURDAY, MAY 2d

Hazy - sometimes warm, sometimes cool - at night an E. storm began rising - rained slowly - wind roared. Friend Erastus performed a large day's work at plastering, going over the whole before night, altho' it was considerably more than to finish a 16 foot room - father attended him - Besides doing his work he had a touch of the fever & ague. We had two teams ploughing till noon - Chauncey & S. Brown being employed with the oxen - At noon I broke the crazy horse plow - P.M. the boys, having brought up my dinner, and hay & provender for the horses, went a-hunting - found but little game. M. Scott came this way they said - spoke of going off soon to join Jackson's army in Florida as a Lieut. Inadvertently I have not mentioned in time that Miss Batt left us on the 25th having done 3 weeks work except 1 day - Rec'd pay for the whole promising to make up the day. Had 1 pr shoes 9/0 - trunk 3/0 and 1/6 in cash.

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SUNDAY, May 3rd.,

Cloudy, and part of the time rainy - Wind E. Followed usual business - writing chiefly. Neighbor Conklin and friend Parsons were here this evening.

MONDAY, MAY 4th.,

This was one of the most tedious days witnessed since the beginning of the past winter - Wind high from S.E. - Snowed and rained simultaneously all the P.M. - I bro't 5-1/2 bushels lime from M's kiln - took up and bro't home a young poplar from below McElcherons' on capt. N's land - Sand was bro't from the lane to make mortar - Friend Erastus pointed most of the v cellar wall - father attended him - I got wet several times getting lime and sand, mending the sheep pasture fence at the N.E. corner and doing almost innumerable chores at night. Chauncey attended the Hill Exhibition at the court house.

Great
storm.
Lime.
Cellar
pointed.
Montague

TUESDAY, MAY 5th.,

It continued stormy till late in the morning - mountains covered with snow, not only there did it fall but all around us - P.M. the clouds were thick & flying - at evening there appeared to be a prospect of fair weather. A.M. assisted about getting stuff out of the cellar - felt anxious to get ready to go to the Exhibition, and a part of the time devoted to that end. P.M. attended a very entertaining Exhibition at the Court House in which there was a very crowded audience. I cannot take time to mention particulars. The actors were, H. Hall, U.M. Robinson, Caldwell, Hiram Henry, Charles & John Hicks, Norman Edgerton, D. B. Robinson & S. R. Fay - The ladies were the Misses E. Hicks, M. Cushman, D. Davis, & B. Hicks. Two very good songs were sung - "All on Hobbies - New Modelled" by U.M. Robinson and "The American Star" by Miss Cushman. The only occurrence that marred the pleasures of the day, and that but for a moment, was a cracking of the floor or timbers which supported us. Friend Stephen Robinson, perceiving the panic, gave out publicly that there was no kind of danger, that the noise proceeded from somebody thumping against the floor below, which composed the minds of the people completely. A recess from 5 to 7 took place - about the latter hour the stage was again

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Exhibition

opened and continued so till past 10 when it was handsomely closed by a short address from H. Hall. Nothing but cold air & deep mud impeded our course home. Friend Erastus, cousin Annis, Lydia and 'Dama were my fellow spectators at this Exhibition - Previous to the intermission those who sat near me were friend Erastus, one of the Kinsley's, Mr Brewster, Mrs Anne Dewey and Mrs L. Squire - In the evening Judge Fay, Mr Bennet, Mr Carter, friend Kingsley & others were seated near me.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th., We now began to entertain a hope of better weather, but ere noon the wind arose from the S. the sky hazed over and between 1 & 2 P.M. it began slowly raining, toward evening it pired down smartly - in the night there was a thunder shower. During the P.M. the wind was extremely chilly. Most of our oats were sown - borrowed capt N's harrow - continued to work till sometime after it began to storm.

Oats sown.

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THURSDAY, MAY 7th., Rainy, chilly and extremely gloomy till past noon and the P.M. was little less so as the clouds were black & high, sailing from N.W. - showering snow & rain at eve'g. Our principal business was that offraming & putting together a small gate, about 4 feet square in which we thought we had succeeded bravely, it being our first attempt. At evening conveyed to E. Waters 13-3/4 veal and to Hiram Hull's 13-1/2 the same. At the P. Office obtained a letter from N. R. Locke - dated Choconut April 19th 1818 in reply to mine of March 29th. He says that owing to the bad sleighing Mr Sewart, the man who carried him, would not go through Butternuts as he had calculated himself to do, therefore agreeable to my instruction deposited it, the letter, in the nearest Post Office on his route which was at Unadilla - States that two sorts of fever prevailed in that country - viz the hem-lock and the Ohio fevers - had never been fairly suited - the latter complaint had seized him and he meant to start for that state the last day of April - Wrote respecting his lady as though he enjoyed great satisfaction with her - she could sing like a nightingale - had had a boy & lost it, in March - His letter was short but very good.

Veal

Letter fr N R Locke

FRIDAY, MAY 8th., Not so rainy, but as cloudy and cold as it had been. We bro't up all the potatoes out of the cellar amounting to 80 bushels - carted some manure into the garden - let Parsons have 6 bushels potatoes at 2/0 - rode to town with J. Rogers - bo't & paid cash \$\$ for a new fur hat at F. Clatk's - Saw Mr West - New hat Saw capt. D. Robinson - spoke with him concerning the debt due the P.C. Factory Company, which he said must be paid 1st of June or before.

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Parsons and Jonathan had our waggon and young mare to draw a load of hay from Eldred's, Pownal - had on 8 cwt - The Hicks horse and the mare went well together.

Potatoes

SATURDAY, MAY 9th., Fair - the like could not be said for many days previous - wind N.W. Completed sowing the oats which was done in the field where we had rye in 1817 - p.25. P.M. ploughed in the field N. of the barn on the Moseley line. Father Erastus was not very well and made a choaring day of it - Erastus rebuilt Champney's chimney for 5 dolls - compleated it this day - Potatoes bearing a low price in the market - buyers few - our hay nearly consumed, we now began giving them to our cows. The old wood, stove-length, lasted till about this time - a small quantity for the fireplace was reserved for boiling soap - See March 1st. Having now finished sowing it is proper to mention some additional particulars - 1st 6 bushels spring wheat sown on 4 acres W. of the barn as stated p.209 - 2d 8 bhls of oats on 3-1/2 acres W. of the lane where the old log house stood, E. of the ox-pasture; 3d - 3/4 bushel flax-seed & rather

Oats sown

Erastus

Wood

exceeding 1/2 bushel barley wheat on a little less than an acre on the Miss Batt Moseley line E. part of the field in the N. meadow. Miss Batt shall have the credit of having fulfilled her engagement as at p. 213.

SUNDAY, MAY 10th., Some frosty this morning - would have been pretty pleasant had the S. W. not blown & the sky been hazy - Was chiefly employed at writing - Father & Erastus attended service.

MONDAY, MAY 11th., A warm rain happened in the night accompanied by thunder - growing weather all day - a shower P.M. - A.M. ploughed sp'g wheat stubble - P.M. carted manure - meadow soft - turned working horses to pasture at night.

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218 his rec'd on the 29th inst., was put into the P. Office on Friday evening
Letter to 3/4 that purport of which was that nothing that he might have said respect
Wollbein ing the Harmons was recollected - Some particulars were added that time
Money due permits me not to insert - P. 147, 211. On Friday at evening in making
the P.C. excuses to Capt'n D. Robinson for not calling, as I told him we had cal-
Fac. Co. culated to do, to settle and pay up an arrearage on book in favor of the
Paran Creek Factory Company, received a sort of blunt dun with hints at
economy because I had on my new \$8.00 hat - He said it must be paid pre-
vious to the 1st of June or be put in suit with others &c. I said we
had no money to pay it at present except by borrowing - which I thought
would be done ere the fatal day.

TUESDAY, MAY 12th., Rainy & very muddy - wind E. - not cold - fixed
2 door latches to the stoop-room and cheese
White- room doors - we drew down timber for eve-spouts - partly worked off one.
washing. Erastus white-washed, girls cleaned house - Mr West & Mr Parsons here
together A.M. - the latter talked of selling his place - Elders & lalocks
Vegetation had put forth leaves some days since - our pastures and meadows where we
had sown plaster began to tell - Grain & grass everywhere appeared thrif-
ty.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th., Extremely gloomy, rainy and unpleasant - more
cold than on Tuesday - An attempt was made at
spreading manure ready for plowing for corn, but the rain obliged us to
retreat - Made an eve-spout and did other small jobs about house -
Appletrees began to show green.

THURSDAY (WEDNESDAY) MAY 14th.,
May 1818 Rained slowly till past noon - scattered a little in the P.M. - cloudy,
219 but not very cold - wind E. chiefly - the ground was full of water -
great quantities of rain had fallen within a few hours, and there was
much snow on the mountains. Until past noon we were employed in making
posts to that gate spoken of p. 210. - the former we cut from the stump
Gate this morning - white beech - should have hanged the gate had the hinges
been ready - P.M. mended fence W. side of the ox-pasture and performed
other work about house of minor importance. The stove began to be dis-
used about this time.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th., Rained but little - cloudy - Wind E. 3/4 At eve'g
looked likely to be fair - Ridged oat-stubble
Ridging for planting - Chauncey performed a good days work at spreading manure -
Chauncey H.C.Hull rec'd 1-1/2 bbls barley-wheat and 1 bushel barley - the former
H C Hull at \$1.25", the latter \$.87 1/2 Friend Erastus who had finished all
Erastus our painting and patching in the mason line the preceding day in the
morning worked this day at Dexters. This eve'g the stove was dismantled
and removed to the N. end of the Nitchen. V.4 p. 340-7-343.

SATURDAY, MAY 16th., Cloudy and very gloomy - strong chilling breeze from the E. - clouds thick and smooth threaten-
 ing rain. About noon finished ridging & P.M. commenced planting corn -
 At night neighbor Parsons, sister Ruth, friend Seth & lady from Hoosack
 paid us a visit. We first turned out our cows to pasture this day.
 Cows to pasture Parsons sent up his two likewise. Rye looked remarkably well, wheat I
 think was stationary, or advanced slowly. Pastures & meadows much better
 Vegetation than they had been or were for three years past, tho' not early. - trees
 all late - Indeed the incessant E. storms hindered the progress of vege-
 tation greatly - V. 4 p. 340-7.

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SUNDAY, MAY 17th., Stormed uncomfortably enough from the N.E. es-
 pecially in the A.M. - ground very wet - air
 chilly - nearly cold enough to snow. Employed great part of the day
 making an index to the 4th Vol of my Jour'l - Cousin Annis rode to Hoo-
 sick with S. Parsons and lady.

Annis
Stone

MONDAY, MAY 18th., Mild - rather inclining to be warm - wind E.
 Cloudy with signs of rain. Finished planting
 corn - The field in which it was planted has 3 sides - Spring-wheat S. -
 meadow E. - sheep-pasture N.W. We had a small quantity of hay on hand,
 but it was economically saved - more than that ought to have been fed
 out were it not that we wished to have a little for certain uses.

Corn
planted

Hay

TUESDAY, MAY 19th., The E. wind prevailed and was extremely chilly
 10 A.M. began to rain - continued raining till
 night - Snowed on the mountains - Took our boy, horses, oxen, cart and pl
 Waters' plow and went on to work at E. Waters' - he himself was employed with the
 boy, oxen and cart carrying off stone from the foundation of his old barn
 - I managed the horses & plow, but about noon it rained so fast we would
 work no longer - quitted there & came home - P.M. cleared out the old
 Mr Brown kitchen & cellar at the other house. Mr Brown butchered a calf . Trees
 were remarkably backward - our forest exhibited almost the same naked
 Vegeta'n appearance that is seen in winter. Appletrees had but lately begun to
 look green. So wet and unpropitious had the season been that farmers
 were far in rear of their business.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th., Foul, unpleasant weather, less foul than on the
 29th - wind N.W. - at eve became fair. Carried
 to Darius Clark a hind quarter of veal weighing 15-1/4 lbs - another to
 Col Norton, same quality lbs 14 - all chgd at 4-1/2¢ pr lb - bought
 Garden seeds for 15¢ - I pap'r ink powder - 12-1/2" pd. Visited the
 P.O. - saw Col Merrill, also 3 Shaftsbury men dealing or bargaining abou
 a Soldiers bounty land - the soldier's name was Corey - the names of the
 others I did not distinctly learn, but think that one of them was a Mat-
 teson - Late in the morning about the time I went to town Chauncey with
 oxen & cart was employed under friend Waters carting stone - At 2 P.M.
 Sick ox C. returned, much alarmed respecting the off ox which had been ailing
 ever since he went to work - bloated badly on the right side - we sent
 immediately for uncle S. Robinson who promptly obeyed the call and by
 a peculiar operation in such cases often resorted to, and giving him a
 few dumplings composed of rye-flour, eggs, soot, salt & rosin, he was
 Bean happily relieved. We had just opened the business of cutting bean-poles
 poles in our young grove as this affair broke out. P. Smith came here this
 eve'g to enquire if we could sell him a horse, but he was informed to
 the contrary, had none fit for market.

THURSDAY, MAY 21st

Cloudy and rather chilly in the A.M. Evening
 saw a prospect of fair weather - wind N.W.
 Friend Erastus worked in my stead while I took the horses & waggon to

Expedi- go to Woodford. J. Norton Jun'r measured up 12 bushels lime unslacked
tion to which I transported to H. C. Hull's on Montague's account - called by
Woodford the way at J. Norton's and had a shoe set to one of the young mare's
fore-feet - wait

May 1818 ed sometime for the work - they being busy at making a share to an iron
222 plough belonging to S. Dewey. At Hull's I dined - Mrs H. quite socia-
ble - Mr H. extremely drove with business in the lumber way - however
unfortunately for me there was but just fifty ft of lath that could go
towards furnishing a load, so that I was obliged to take slabs or nothing

J. Watson Our plan was when I started from home was to get 200 ft boards and
a like quantity of lath - of the latter Erastus wanted 150 ft to finish
a room for Dexter - the remainder we meant to appropriate to our own use.
Having laid on 22 slabs, made fast the wag'n box including the 50 ft of
lath, started for home - at the forge saw Mr Watson of Shaftsbury,
spoke with him and learned that his family were in health - Johnson and
Winthrop were gone to settle in Whitesburgh, N.Y. - At Forge hill I saw
trouble - not suspecting my load to be so very heavy did not a-light in
ascending the first part below the bridge, so that when that place was
almost gained the horses halted to take breath, the load being too power-
ful for them drew them back 50 or 60 feet - the hind end of the waggon
having fallen over a bank 2 or 3 feet high - rallied assistance, main-
made three vain efforts to gain the way the first of which would have
succeeded had our plan been good; But the result was, throwing off all
my load, placing my waggon on the bridge bringing the stuff up by main
strength and re-loading it - after which I gained the top of the hill
without the least difficulty - One of Mr Eddy's little boys held my
horses and accompanied me to the summit of the hill - promised him a
reward the next time I should go that way - Went on very comfortably
till I entered the slough this side Mr E. Dewey's - against the old Pol-
lard house, got stuck - unhitched, left the load and rode home - father
made a wry face.

May 1818 Father & Erastus brought home & set 300 bean poles, planted beabs to
223 them and performed other services.

Bean FRIDAY, MAY 22nd Fine growing weather - flying clouds - cool
poles. breeze, N.W. Performed a good day's work for

Work for E. Waters - plowed nearly the whole of his garden, going over that a 2d
Waters. time which had plowed on the 20th except what he had occupied - furrowed
out 2/3ds of it for planting potatoes by noon - meantime the oxen and
cart were used in removing manure and stone from the former site of his
barn, Chauncey was mostly engaged in cutting potatoes - P.M. plowed
plowed about 1/2 acre of sward-ground W. of W's house for Mr H. Clark -
If the latter would not pay for it, the former said he would. To end the
labors of the day went down in force and drew my load out of the mud -
made fast the cart to the waggon and brought home the whole establish-
ment. The garden was planted.

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd., Very fine weather indeed - warm - wind N. In
the P.M. snow was plainly discerable from Stam-
ford Mountain - Manured the lower side of the corn field - mostly from
the sty - Erastus worked for Col Fay - At night I carried 5-1/4 lbs but-
ter to H. Fassett rec'd \$7-1/2" for it - bo't 18 1/2" worth garden seeds -
paid to Capt D. Robinson Junr on account of the Paran Creek Factory Co
and saw him enter it in his book \$3.00" in cash - invited U.M. Robinson
to come and see us. Our building expences were reckoned this eve'g ex-
cluding our own labor and board of the workmen.

Dr Swift for boards & clapboards	\$6.18	P 209-203 Waters work	\$25.00
A. Noble, do	2.00	P. 202 nails, butts, screws &c	5.42
Montague & Parsons, shingles.....	6.12	P. 212 Oil & paint.....	1.50
Lime 4.87 Lath 4.46	9.33		31.92

Montagues work.....	10.50	.....31.92
	\$ 34.13	34.13
		\$ 66.05

May 1818 224 Nearly the whole of the above bill was at this time unpaid.

SUNDAY, MAY 24th., Trees put out rapidly - the day was fine, a little hazy - wind N., or somewhere in that quarter
 What could be more delightful than to contemplate the present growing sea-
 Vegetationson - everything in the vegetable line coming forward with almost unexamp-
 led rapidity, the late rains having greatly restored them. The surface of
 the ground in many places baked very hard. Went with Jonathan & Chauncey
 in the morning and took a three year old colt of ours from Capt Norton's
 Visit at Street pasture - we found him with 2 others - extremely low in flesh -
 Norton's the feed astonishingly short - At night ~~fr~~i visited friend Luman N.
 read some part of King Henry VI - Previous to going there called at Capt
 N's.

Cucumbers MONDAY, MAY 25th., Fine summer weather - a few cool breezes from
 planted. N.W. but in the main warm. Prepared our ground
 for potatoes by ridging and furrowing across them. Cucumbers were planted

TUESDAY, MAY 26th., Fine weather - cool breezes continued from N.W.
 Manured in the hill for potatoes. Carried 7 lbs
 butter to H.Fassett's and rec'd cash \$1.16" - Looked around to market
 M.Street more butter - found them not greedy - Mrs Merrill wanted a few lbs -
 engaged her 6 - Friend Melissa told here this eve'g a story of her broth-
 M.Scott er Jack at Detroit. Martin Scott took his departure for the U.S.Army.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th., Smoky, hazy & very warm - wind S. - Finished
 carrying out the majority of our potato manure -
 planted about 1/2 the potat. field. Cherry, plumb, apple & pear trees
 blossoms began to appear.

May 1818 225 THURSDAY, MAY 28th., Very warm - wind high from the S. in the morning
 About midday expected rain, but only a small quan-
 tity fell - wind veered to N.W. - cooler 2 or 3 hours - 4 P.M. all clear
 Potatoes & warm - at eve'g wind S.W. Finished planting potatoes, extended them
 planted. over about an acre besides what was about the cornfield - To plant the
 whole, it took, the garden inclusive, 35 bushels. Pursued the usual mode
 of preparing the ground & planting the seed - See V.4 p V.5 230.
 Butter Sold to Mrs Merrill 5 lbs butter at 1/0 pr lb - had 10 lbs with me - made
 attempts to put off the other 5 lbs on the hill, but found no buyers -
 left it at Hiram Hull's this side the meeting house to go on acc't at 1/0
 Butter went dull.

FRIDAY, MAY 29th., Most of the day, wind S. - cloudy - towards night
 and in the evening there came warm refreshing
 Gate showers - Sent off 12 bbls grain to mill - worked in the garden and hinged
 the gate made on the 14th p. 219. The field this season, planted with
 Corn & corn, is the same that was sown with oats - in 1817 - the potatoes occupy
 Potatoes what was sown with spring-wheat on Brown's line the same year - No.4 p 332
 Death of Mr Daniel Biddlecomb, aged 82 and Mr Joseph Rudd departed this life
 Biddle- about this time - the latter was about 78 - Mr Kent came with his family
 comb & ~~rudd~~ to reside with Mr Blazedell in the Dr F. house. Cousin Henry Harwood,
 Rudd collector for Mr Marsh, presented his bill on which there was due from
 Marsh's B. Harwood \$8.00 On (Friday) Thursday eve'g I was visited by N.Squire,
 tax. H.Waters, Greenwood and another gentleman not personally known to me,
 Kent. with military music - S. drummer - W & G fifers. Vegetation continued
 Blossoms flourishing almost beyond former example. Apple, plum, cherry & pear blos-
 soms all came out together.

June 1818 SATURDAY, MAY 30th., Warm and cloudy - with refreshing breezes from the W. Fine growing season - pastures, meadows & fields of grain looked beautifully. Washed sheep in company with Mr Hinman & boys, Mr Dimmick & our Chauncey - We had 27 & they had 25 - Had trouble in getting home our flocks - some of each being left behind in Safford's pasture - My father & I went down and bro't them home, previous to which Mr Brown had made an unsuccessful attempt to find them. This looking after sheep broke up the business of the P.M. - building a shanty - W. end of the cheese-room. We will just mention that our washing was at Sam Safford's bridge. Our live stock stood thus on this day. I yoke of oxen, 11 cows, 4 two-years old, one of which had a calf, 4 yearlings, 5 calves, 2 veal calves, 29 sheep and 17 lambs, two working horses, one superannuated mare, 21 years old, 1 3 yrs old, 1 two years old & 1 yearling colts, in general doing well

Washing sheep.

Stock

Butter & Cheese
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In one year ending on the 18th inst we had sold lbs 300 14" butter amounting to\$57.57"
and 773 lbs 6 oz Cheese, do\$77.21"
\$ 134.78"

SUNDAY, MAY 31st., Wind S.E. but not cold - expected rain - cloudy and drizzled a little - pretty busy in making out my Index - mentioned p. 220

Blossoms

MONDAY, JUNE 1st., Warm rainy day, most extraordinary growing weather - apple blossoms in the full - Our greatest business was erecting our shanty tho' we were busily employed about many small affairs. Erastus lame.

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Training
L. Dewey

Newspapers bound.

D. Weeks

Fracas

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd., Quite warm cloudy, and very growing weather. Wind S.W. Sold to H. Fassett & rec'd cash for 11-3/4 lbs butter at 14" pr lbs - Attended training under Capt L. Norton - Nothing in this business of note occurred - it was said that his company made a better appearance than the other infantry company. Dined & played the flute at L. Dewey's with L.D. Jun. - found him a regular musician - Before going there saw Capt Dewey in his stoop - greatly dejected & sorely afflicted with disease - thought probable he could not survive many months. S. Clark shewed me my newspapers hand-somely bound in 2 Vols - the one at \$1.50" - the other at \$1.25" - p 207 Supped at B. Squires' with friends L. & J. Norton with whom I rode home in a waggon. Mr Weeks agreed to take in our sheep to pasture. It must be recorded that after the dismissal of Capt N's company, two of the men, Jo Crawford, if I mistake not, and Josiak More, who had behaved so ill that he was turned out of the ranks, had a clinch in which in which the latter got drubbed.

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Our ladies commenced making cheese.

Fencing
Sheep
shearing.

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Dimmick

Hinman

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd., The weather continued very warm cloudy, w'd S. A.M. we cleared the dooryard W & S of the house of considerable rubbish - prepared posts for building post & rail wall - P.M. began a fence of that kind W. side of the lane against Clark's orchard - brought the sheep up for Dimmick to shear but it was so late that he could not finish them - 'Dama rode to Hoosick with Mrs Parsons - Chauncey got the horses shod at Col Norton's.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4th.,

Pretty warm - wind S. - a smart thunder shower very suddenly came up just at night - soon over

Work, same as on the 3d - Dimmick compleated shearing the sheep - 28 fleeces - bled an ox and did other choars in that line - left us at 8 or 9 in the morning. Neighbor Blazedell had a high quarrel with his jade.

Mr Hinman began to hoe corn.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5th., Fine growing weather - warm breezes from the W., flying clouds - Father continued walling
 Sheep driven to Myself and boy drove 28 old sheep & 17 lambs to Mr David Week's to be
 Weeks. pastured during the season for 1/6th of the flock. Mr W. not at home
 Oil Mill Drank some cider - saw black Dan. On our return viewed Olin & Colvin
 Number oil mill - In town street after trying hard found market for a little
 of States veal - Saw at Fassett's, Judge Robinson, who, to try my head asked me
 Corn how many States there were - replied there were about 20, perhaps 21
 plastered - he said correct. J. Norton Jun'r warned us to work on the highway,
 Monday en-te-the-hills ensuing - tax \$8.85 - This P.M. sowed & put on
 to the hills about 3 pecks plaster to about 1/4 of an acre of corn.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th Excellent weather continued - two heavy show-
 ers happened, the one about 8 A.M. the other
 past 2 P.M. which was accompanied by thunder and intermixt with hail-
 high wind - Lasted rather more than an hour - cleared up warm.
 Drunken Pursued the work mentioned above - Saw a man very drunk in Parsons'
 man. shop. A drove of horses passed us to the S. Mrs Duncan rode to Hoo-
 Horses. sack. Previous to this rye had eared out. Bright N.lights at night.
 Jun 1818 Mr Bliss this morning butchered a calf here that averaged 11-1/4 a
 229 quar'r.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th., Warm growing weather yet prevailed. Pursued
 writing interspersed with some newspaper
 reading. Early in the evening walked to Capr Norton's with friend
 Cider Erastus - wefe treated with cider, a luxury that we had been deprived
 of ever since the fore-part of May, having failed for want of stock.
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MONDAY, JUNE 7th., Rainy A.M. - cloudy P.M. - rainy at night.
 Wind N.E. - coolish - From May 21st to this
 Season day such amiable, fine & prosperous weather and so growing a season
 remarks. so early in the summer had not been seen since the eclipse in 1806.
 Grass was never better - feed never more luxuriant - Grain everywhere
 promising. Our winter-wheat had more than half of it, as it were,
 risen from the dead. Spring-wheat looked well - Trees were in a most
 rapid progression in their vegetable career. Anthony now presented a
 deep green almost to its summit - no trees alive without leaves. Our
 plastered lands richly rewarded us for scattering the precious stuff
 over them. P.204.

The A.M. of this day dug out - father head carpenter - a long &
 short poplar eve-spout for conveying water from the stoop-roof & a
 part of that of the cheese room round the W. end of s'd building to a
 Highway cask as its N.W. corner. P.M. worked on the road - effected but lit-
 work. tle - the rocks above Parsons' were attacked, but Parsons had to go
 with John Downs to Algiers in consequence of Reub. Colvins visiting
 Parsons him - and Rogers, not long after, went to Pownal, so that our hands
 were too weak with wrestle with such stupendous things. Hinman ashed
 his corn.

Jun 1818 Our mode of preparing our ground on which corn was planted may
 230 be seen p.219 About half of the piece was manured in the Fall with
 fine black barn-yard manure deposited on the W. or upper side and 2
 Manner of 3 rows of heaps on the S. end which extended down to the meadow - the
 planting remainder was manured, after planting, by throwing a small shovel-ful
 corn. on each hill, consisting mostly of swine's manure. Previous to its
 being planted, the corn was rolled in plaster and since it came up
 the upper part of the last mentioned portion of the field was sown
 over with plaster, then off at the ends, where there was no last years
 manure, none of which was plastered, it was dropped on the hills - a
 row by itself from N. to S. was served in the same way - from the low-

Potatoes er edge of the field it was 12 paces W. That which was sown, was laid on a little thicker than on pasture ground. The corn came up well and had a healthy countenance at this period. Now we will endeavor to show the management of the potatoe ground - It was Sp'g wheat stubble turned in as stated p. 217, and after lying thus a few days ridged across the furrows, that is E. & W. - next furrowed lightly N. & S. which cut it at right angles in most of these was deposited a shovelful of strong manure - the potatoes dropped and covered by the plow in the same manner that ridging is performed. P. 225.

Bliss TUESDAY, JUNE 9th., Mr Bliss this morning butchered a calf here averaging 17 1/2 lbs a quarter - this gave us the use of 10 cows milk calling 2 pretty good heifers such. Completed the work commenced on the 3d. Sarah bo't cloth for a bombazeth gown at Pickett's - 6 yds - \$3.75 Cool, cloudy morning - warm P.M.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th Fine, warm, growing weather - cooling breezes - from N. in A.M. P.M. flying clouds, wind p'tet ty much from the S. Worked on the road from House's bridge to L. Norton hill which was left unfinished. The House & Billings road was opened by authority the third or fourth time, if I mistake not. This piece of road was laid through the Billing farm where the old main road once passed, if I rightly understand it, in consequence of Jonas F. Billings denying Mr House a free passage through the above mentioned farm. Dined at Mr Loomis'. Although the table was richly furnished in farmer style, yet Mrs L. would make excuses. Daisy was in blossom faintly. Mr L. Dewey with his sons Loan & John went pastus about noon on their way to Mr House's and Mrs Billings'.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11th., Another handsome day as it respected vegetation - Some part of the day hazy - P.M. wind S.W. - Same business. The road was wrought but not finished to the brow of the hill against Blaizedell's. Mr B. was extremely angry because the ditch was continued past the bars leading to his house - Nobody heeded his pother, Mr Hand with the proper tools, assisted by Gid. House & others got out several large pieces of then rocks above Parsons', which considerably bettered the way, tho' it was yet bad. Mr H., friends Levi Jewett & J. House dined here. Friend Erastus had the horses & waggon to draw \$40.00's worth lime to Algiers Street.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 12th., Rained moderately awhile in the morning - Drizzled some past noon - remained cloudy & muggy all the P.M. - wind in different directions. Gnats were extremely troublesome. Late in the A.N. father and myself walked round the W. side of the old sugar-orchard - thence into L. Norton's pastures to look among their young cattle to see if a two year old & yearling missing among ours were there, but found them not. Returned through the young grove to select timber for a barn-ladder, this however was not done here - we felt too choice of the timber - at length a few feet S. of the sheep pasture fence on the rocks S.E. of the place at which the brook buries itself beneath the rugged pile, we espied a tree fitted to our purpose, but did not cut it because it was too early in the moon. P.M. commenced hoeing corn. Weighed the wool of which there were 78 lbs

JUNE 13th Warm, hazy & cloudy - wind S.W. rained some at night. Continued hoeing. Mrs Eliza Potter and another lady came here on a short visit in a one-horse waggon. Clover had been in blossom a few days - grass appeared much more forward than it had done for several seasons of late.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14th., Rained smartly in the morning, cloudy & chilly remainder of the day - Wind S.E. - Busy at the Index. Father and 'Dama attended service in the P.M.

MONDAY, JUNE 15th., Temper-ate with flying clouds 'till there arose a sudden thunder shower 4 P.M. after which it blew hard ffrom N.Y., cool & cloudy. Pursued hoeing. Tried both horses & oxen at plowing corn, but succeeded best with the horses. Mr West here this eve'g - Also L.Street.

Jun 1818 MONDAY, JUNE 16th., Cool - unsteady breezes from N.W. - flying clouds 233 A plough & yoke were carried to cousin Stephens by my father and put in repair - He visited Mr Weeks' to enquire after his sheep and to provide salt for them. Mr W's people had taken good care of them. On my part having completed the first hoeing of our corn, botched up an old plow with which I ploughed out the beans in the garden being myself in the place of a horse, Chauncey holding the majestic implement. This way of treating the beans we thought greatly lessened the labor of hoeing. After father's arrival a small piece of unoccupied ground, was cross-ploughed, he & I drawing, Chauncey holding.

Marble of Natchez About noon uncle Zachariah H. introduced me to a kinsman of his late from the new state of Mississippi, 24 miles from Natchez, with whom I had a very pleasing interview. I acted up to the character of a Yankee in full by making inquiry into everything that would seem new - and he was prompt, intelligent and undisguised in his answers - It/ was 34 years since his father removed from near this town to that country - at which time he was but 8 years of age - had a number of brothers & sisters - his parents survived but a few years after their removal - was married at a little past 21 - lost his wife in September 1817 who had been sick ever since the birth his only son - aged about 18 - her sickness was occasioned by a wrong administration of mercury at the time above mentioned. Since that event, her death, home was disagreeable to him, to wean his mind from so disagreeable a subject he had undertaken his present tour which he performed on horseback. Left his son in Tennessee at an academy His name was Marble

Jun 1818 WEDNESDAY, TUESDAY, JUNE 17th Unpleasant, hazy, cloudy, chilly - wind N. a 234 cold chilling rain commenced about 5 P.M. - Ploughing The weather was changeable before it rained, sometimes warm & sometimes cold. Began in the N.W. part of the sheep-pasture to break up for winter L.Street wheat. Chauncey lame with a stone bruise. Lucy Street, unfortunately for her, had been for sometime out of health, was now here. To Monday Cash paid let me add that at/ the Post Office I paid to capt D. Robinson \$3.00 to D. Rob- in money - would have paid more, could Col Merrill have paid me \$2.38" inson Jr due for butter and cheese. Saw here Col M., Dr Williams and U.M.R. endeavoring to renew the Social Society. By invitation played on N. Squires' flute for F. Blackmer at Patchins. Cushman & others were there. Received the Gazette at the office in which I read the supposed letter of the Princess Charlotte to her mother - an excellent thing.

THURSDAY (WEDNESDAY) June 18th Very cold morning - cool all day - flying cloudsmstrong blasts from N.W.

Continued the business above - Chauncey remained lame. L.Street was carried to S.Scott's. Bro't for p. 127

Wheat of all descriptions occupied	11-3/4 acres	yielding	145 bbls
Rye, light	do 3-1/2	do do	36
Oats, good	do 2	do	80
Corn, mercht	do 3-1/2	do	50
do soft, allowed to be as good as			25
	20-3/4 acres	produced	
		in 1817	336 bbls

Grain in 1817 This statement does not include the flax, which was much injured by the rains after it was pulled - we compute it at 130 lbs from acre.
For potatoes see p. 62
Mount Anthony was now in its zenith in vegetation.

Jun 1818 235 FRIDAY, JUNE 19th., Another very cold morning - fog in ragged parcels hanging about the mountains till past 9 o'clock - P.M. tolerably clear and warmer, tho' there prevailed a cold norther, or rather I suspect N.E. breeze thro' the day. Heard thunder at the S. at noon. Business as above, steadily pursued - Chauncey lame
Mrs S. Duncan Old Mrs Staunton and cousin Electa Duncan visited here this day.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th., Tolerably cold in the morning, but much warmer during the remainder of the day than it had been since the 16th. Finished ploughing N. wing of the sheep-pasture - above 5 acres. Chauncey had not recovered from his lameness yet.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21st., Very warmgrowing weather - cool in the eve'g, w'd S. Set off about 8 A.M. for Hoosick Falls
Visit to H. Falls - on slate hill met Mr Parsons and lady coming to Bennington - ll arrived at the Falls - went to Cornelius Stones' at the still house - found cousin C. at home, his lady absent at church, he assisted me in unharnessing my horses which he stabled in a snug barn owned by capt Bishop - In the house they had a man named James whom they took care of for the town - exhibiting a distressing spectacle being exercised with the magrums; they likewise had a little girl named Adeline - very active and springhtly - mainly the town, we supposed. At noon Mrs S. returned from church - we dined - cousin Annis came over - P.M. they took Sarah with them to attend Divine service - Cousin C. and I went up the river 3/4 of mile on the west side in quest of the root called Solomon's Seals which we found near a curve in the river about due E. of a Mr Graves' - on the route called at Mr Daniel Waters' - nobody at home - but all things bespoke industry & frugality - on our return met the people coming from meeting - after reaching the house was introduced to Mr Wm Parker a son-in-law of our cousin - Rachel his lady being with him - saw her sister Mrs Dorr who had had 3 boys and 2 girls - was now in her 26th year - Saw Mrs Bishop and others - Cousin Annis concluded not to accompany us home - about 6 P.M. after finding that we had lost a bag containing a few oats rode home - calling at friend H. Dimmick's and obtained a bag there which they had borrowed - got home late in the ev'g In this little route saw some excellent fields of grain particularly rye - fine meadows & good looking corn - Respecting spring wheat there was considerably complaint of its being injured by insects.

MONDAY, JUNE 22nd., Pretty warm growing weather - Flying cl'ds - wd S. Father talked of joining company with Parsons to go to Troy, but gave it up - Hoed potatoes, which were ploughed both ways. Lydia & 'Dama visited Pickett's store. On Friday the 18th inst died Mrs Eleanor, consort of David Caldwell at his residence in Algiers - having had a consumption of many months standing - leaving a considerable family, young & in narrow circumstances - she was in her year - was the daughter of Dr Ross, Colraine, Mss.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23rd., It continued good weather - some cloudy. The hoeing of the potarotes being completed - P.M. began ploughing the pasture on the Fay line S. of the S. meadow $\frac{3}{4}$ Father marched over Mount Anthony by way of S. Wadsworth's - round to Wickwires in quest of those young cattle mentioned p. 232. but did not find them, however learbed by one of W's boys that such creatures were in the highway in that part of the town - agreed with them to take them up and send

Acc't at us information. Mr West left a horse here to pasture, went away himself.
 Picketts The am't ~~information~~- Pickett's acc't since Oct 1st was rising of \$83.00"
 Clover in full bloom - meadows full of it.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24th Fore part of the day very warm - after part more
 cool, cloudy and scattering drops of rain here.
 My employment the same as above - Chauncey being driver. Father pulled
 Waters & Doty rye from among the winter wheat & performed other pieces of work equally
 useful. Capt's E. Doty and A. Waters dined here and passed some smart
 jokes between them. They were both at the
 Jun 1818 taking of Burgoyne - the latter states his age at 72, the former at 55,
 237 Oct 1817 Capt D. had bo't & carried to Dewey's mill 19 bushels grain to
 be floured for him to transport to Wilmington. D. tarried over night.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25th., Extremely warm - P.M. cloudy - thundered - in
 the N. Business much as above. The officers in
 Major chosen Col Cross' Reg't met to choose a Major - the App't fell on Capt Luman
 Norton.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26th., Warm and cloudy - 5 P.M. rained moderately.
 Thundered, but the quantity of rain was small.
 Father hoed corn - J. Rogers who had a sore hand - rode Parsons' horse to
 West plow for him. My business as stated above - interrupted by rain. Mr
 West put up here at night - said he would start for the W. next morning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27th., Extremely warm - flying clouds - from morning
 till past 2 P.M. wind N. - then S.W. Finished
 hoeing corn 2d time. Harry Parsons worked for us, and was a very good
 Letter to boy. By Mr West forwarded a short letter to Mrs Theodosia Harwood of
 Theodosia Attica, N.Y., informing that we were in usual health - mother some unwell -
 Well at Mr Hunts' - Johnathan going to Northampton - mentioned the marria-
 ges of R.W. Brush & S. Dewey - 23d - Niles of Shaftsbury and Mercy Cooper
 of Pownal - she being his 4th wife although he was hardly 40 (June 21st)
 David Weeks Junr and Harriet L. Webster about june 1st. Miss Cooper was
 in her year - great, grand-daughter of Martin Dewey one Pars'n Jed'h
 D's brothers - Likewise mentioned deaths as stated p's 173, 225, 236.
 Closed the letter with the usual friendly expressions.
 Our corn, most of it, looked well, growing rapidly.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28th., So very warm and faint as to render it almost in-
 supportable without the least exercise - A.M.
 faint winds from N. - P.M. more hazy and cloudy - wind S. Towards evening
 Canker- Sarah accompanied me on the rocks which rise W. of the house to find a
 weed. weed which she called canker-weed, to apply to my under-lip which was raw
 with canker - we succeeded in finding a goodly supply

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 238 MONDAY, JUNE 29th., A warmer day in this climate is rarely known -
 that is my opinion from my own feeling and obser-
 Warm vation - It was not one continued stream of heat, but interrupted by dry,
 faint blasts from the north, which were succeeded again by increased de-
 Ploughing grees of heat. The work begun on Tuesday P.M. was compleated - pole beans
 hoed - a patch of mowing executed by father who in the P.M. went on to C.
 Arbitra- H. hill to sit with capt C. Hills & Steph'n Robinson to arbitrate on a dis-
 tion. pute between Messrs Davis & Buck. Possibly the decision may be noticed p

TUESDAY, JUNE 30th., Equally as warm till past noon as on the 29th.
 P.M. more wind stirring, which was from S.W. -
 Thunder slight showers this way - they were carried another way - thundered heavy
 in the night, that is Monday night, at the N. Likewise here this P.M.
 With two teams, Chauncey driving the oxen which were hitched to Dr Swifts'

Expedi- waggon went to Hulls' saw-mill in Woodford intending to get two loads of
tion to lumber for E.Montague, who had given Mr H. a bill of what he wanted, but he
Hull's being absent, Mr Abbott his sawyer not knowing anything about the matter,
could obtain but one load which consisted of 320 ft scantling - My oxen I
loaded with a few slabs and cleared out for home - Deposited the scantling
at V.D.Speigel's - Mr Kemp assisted in the loading - Montague I found
building a high chimney-top back-side Gov Tichenor's house - swore a lit-
Parsons tle respecting Hull. Father helped friend Chatfield hoe his potatoes.
J.H.Hicks Plowed them twice in a row both ways. Saw J.H.Hicks start from the saw-
mill with 475 ft boards for building a barn on his newly purchased farm -
formerly J.Wadsworth's. Received a warning for choosing a capt'n to sup-
ply the place of capt. N. p.237

Jul 1818 WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st., Verxly cool in the morning p rather temperate all
239 day - wind N. A choaring day withus - Extended
the cheese-press shed a few feet N. & S. - regulated the barn for haying.
Montague E.Montague had our two teams, waggon, cart & Chauncey to transport sand
& lime for his job at V.D.Speigel's. Mr Parsons with his own and Mr Hin-
Camp- man's lady attended a camp-meeting on or near Bennington battle-ground.
meeting. Jonathan rode the young horse on an unsuccessful expedition in quest of
those young cattle spoken of p. 232.

THURSDAY, JULY 2nd Temperate in the A.M. P.M. warm - towards eve-
ning more cool - slying clouds - wind S.W. In
the morning assisted father in getting ready to go to Troy - 7 o'clock he
Team started off. Spent the A.M. making a sort of bench or horse to set under
work for the cart tongue occasionally when drawing in hay or grain - nailed a kind
Montague. of upper-floor onto the bottom of the cart body to strengthen it for draw-
ing stone. P.M. drew with the oxen only, 2 loads of that material from
capt Dewey's quarry, W. about 40 rods from the mountain road, to V.D.Spei-
gel's - the last of which was pretty heavy - Erastus thought the oxen
were noble for drawing. Mr Wickwire as well as his little boy informed me
that they had found and secured in their pasture the two year old inquired
after so much of late and thought probably the yearling might be found ere
long. Supped with Montague at V.D.S's in his piazza - a pleasant place.
In the course of the P.M. saw at V.D.'s capt J. Robinson & D. Black - the
former looked very red in the face.

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd., Cloudy and rainy, but not a grear quantity of rain
fell - wind S.W. The state of the weather and bad
A.Harwood health was my excuse for doing very little at anything. Uncle Asa Harwood
arrived here from Sempronius, N.Y. about 10 A.M. having rode from Wads-
worth's in the stage - 17 years since he visited here.
Jul 1818 About 4 P.M. father arrived from Lansingburgh, having left that place the
240 preceding P.M. and lodged with uncle A. at Staunton's 8 miles this side.
Bo't goods of Norman Squires, Lansingburgh, exclusive of a little salt for
Lansing'h Mr Brown, to the amount of \$22.81" - pain on his own acc't in cash \$7.50" -
Expeditionleaving due \$15.31". Bo't at the upper end of Troy 4 bbls plaster for
\$1.62" making in the whole (\$1.18" travelling expenses) -----\$25.61"

SATUTURDAY, JULY 4th., Elying clouds p pretty warm P.M.- hazy, wd S.
Team work Drew 6 heavy loads stone, 3 on the waggon &
for 3 on the cart from the place mentioned on Thursday - Doubled my team to
Montague get them from the quarry to the road, whence it is nearly all the way down
hall to V.D.Spiegles'. Spiegle with his lady and others were on a straw-
berry party in Shaftsubry during the P.M. Julia, the hired maid, shewed
me and Chauncey, after we had dined, about rhe house which we found fine
and very commodious - Saw in the hall a handsome bust of his grandfather S.

- Supped here with Montague - had excellent cider - Mr S. & lady had returned from the party - he expressed his wish to go to farming, tho't farmers & mechanics were the most useful and happiest class in community. From Mr Wickwire's, Chauncey, who had driven the oxen, drove home the 2 year old heifer mentioned on Thursday. Arrived here this P.M. elder Stark & his lady, my mothers' 2d sister - the latter in a bad condition, having almost totally lost the use of her right side through the effect of the palsy. No public celebration of the day here. Reuben Fuller helped M. quarry out his stone this day.

Jul 1818 SUNDAY, JULY 5th., Muggy warm - flying clouds - hazy - wind S.
241 Elder Stark rode to Pownal to attend service there. Most of our family, including Sally, went to church to hear the Reformed Jew sing, who they said performed in a very singular and curious manner. It was a dull day with me, however, besides writing, found some amusement in perusing the correspondence of Gray, West & Dr Wharton in Elegant Epistles - commencing in 1736 & continuing till later than 171749. In the morning received great satisfaction in turning to Gordon's account of Bunker-hill battle and other incidents, both connected and independent of, that event - those scenes must ever be interesting to every true friend of Liberty & the Rights of Man.

MONDAY, JULY 5th., Rained a little in the morning - remained cloudy most of the A.M. - P.M. flying clouds, wind W.
Expedition Pretty warm. Started with oxen and horses to go to Woodford about 8 A.M. to Hulls Called at Mr Norton's to get a new shoe made from materials furnished by for us, and put onto one of the horses. This hindered me a good while, uncle Montague J. having a plough-share to sharpen for Levi Jewett, previously, besides in the meantime a good many stories to tell at which he must certainly laugh. However it was fortunate that business caused me to stop here for friend Jewett informed Chauncey of his having a yearling in his pasture answering the description of that which we had lost - therefore I directed C. who was going on an errand to S. Harwood's to go and see it and if it were ours to drive it home - he did so and it turned out to be our own.

Jul 1818 Proceeded to H.C.Hull's mill, took on a load of lumber for E. Montague
242 consisting of a few spruce boards, 4 green hemlock planks 12 feet long - a few short & 1 long do seasoned - 300 ft green hemlock lath and about 120 ft birch scantling, all which safely delivered at V.D. Speigle's - receiving a bill of this & what I had drawn p. 238 exclusive of the scantling above, from Hull. Closed the labors of the day by going with M. to the Gerald road beyond the Gov Robinson bridge & bringing up a heavy cart load of sand. Previous to going down the hill gave my team into friend M's care, going myself with a new yoke which I wanted to get fixed, to Col Norton's - thence struck across the fields by way of the venerable mansion of the late gov R. Here I saw how, when the man is gone, soon his affairs fall to decay - such is the instability of all human works - how constantly do they grow more and more confused till at length final ruin buries them in eternal oblivion. Arrived from work late - say 8 in the eve'g. Elder Stark had returned from Pownal.

TUESDAY, JULY 7th Warm, cloudy, wind S. - rained a little at night.
Hoeing Nearly compleated hoeing corn, which mostly was in excellent condition, the 3d time - Elder Stark thought we should have done better to have plowed it both ways and hoes less - related experiments which he made in that as well as other branches of husbandry.
H. Parsons Chauncey performed as plow-man - H. Parsons rode horse. Mt Lyman Nims arrived in town with his bride from Whitingham. Montague attended 2d day wedding in the eve'g.

Jul 1818 WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th., Exceedingly warm at intervals - flying clouds,
243 but most of the P.M. pretty clear - wind N.W.
a shower was expected which did not come - Finished our 3rd hoeing -
Hoeing potatoes 2d time - Corn & potatoes looked well. Elder Stark & lady rode
off to Pownal. Uncle Asa returned from visiting his friends at the N.
Elder S. p't of the town. Mrs Street and Melissa spent the day here.

THURSDAY, JULY 9th A dull warm day - had a slight shower late P.M.
A peculiar heaviness was sensated by all the
Haying family. P.M. commenced haying in the Little Meadow where the grass was
great & badly lodged. Chauncey worked at Parsons' - Harry and the old
H.Parsons horse had been in our service a short time on the 8th. S.Pratt Junr
Mrs Street came here this morning to hire Mrs Street to live at his house, but she
refused going. Cousin U.M. Robinson rode up, mounted on a white steed
just at night, to see the folks - talked of a law question in the Friendly
Society which was soon to be debated upon.

FRIDAY, JULY 10th The weather was much as it was on the 9th but
there was no rain to make any account of. Sent
in our Lists to Luman Norton by uncle Asa who visited that part of the
Highway neighborhood in the A.M. We worked on the road on the hill N. of Par-
w'k sons' and that S. of Brown's, with cart, plow & oxen, enough to amount to
C.Stone 2 days work - raked & rolled up the hay mown on the 9th. Chauncey work-
Young ed at Parsons'. We saw a man with a high load of boards on board of a
Priests waggon on his way from Granby, Ct to Charlotte, Vt. Said the property be-
goods. longed to a young minister lately settled at the latter place under a
salary of \$600. who had been married to a young lady whose
Jul 1818 father was a merchant, to appearance immensely rich, but had brought up
244 the bride and her sisters without understanding house-wifery at all -
This was what the man tho't from what he had observed while there. He
Tin pedlar lived in Ferrisburgh near the Charlotte line. We likewise saw a tin-
Capt St'n pedlar, very anxious to trade. Capt Stephen Robinson rode past us. - no-
Robinson ticed Mr Hinman's corn on the E. side of the road which looked extremely
Betsey well compared with what had been raised heretofore on the farm - enquir-
Hinman. ed into the method of ploughing the land &c which we explained to him
Mariah according to what is set forth p.219, 230. The aforesaid gentleman trans-
Squier porting the ministerial stuff, which was regularly packed in boxes, except
Montague 2 brass kettles and some other things, said there was 4 loads more going
& team on. Late P.M. Miss Betsey Hinman & Miss Mariah Squire daughter of Lawyer
S. called in a few moments - returned home with Mr B's flute. Friend
Montague had the waggon & horses in his service half a day, drawing bricks
sand and lath.

SATURDAY, JULY 11th Very warm - Dry winds & flying clouds from N.W.
Haying was pushed a-pace - about 2 tons of hay
were drawn in from the little meadow - uncle Asa assisted. P.M. came on
the election of officers in the late Capt now Major L.Norton's company,
at which I was present. As the roll was called, those to whom objections
were made, were paraded in a rank by themselves - Rollcall being gone
through with, a kind of board was instituted consisting of Col Brownell,
Military major L.N., major N.Dexter, major E.D. Hubbell, Adj't J.T. Robinson and Capt
election S'n Robinson before whom every case in the challenged rank was separately
examined - and according to evidence decided upon. Several Shaftsbury
characters were

Jul 1818 found in this rank and with some others were set aside. It was a warmly
245 contested election - a large concourse of spectators were present, anxious
awaiting the result - Many of them had the presumption to offer their ad-
vice to the men in the ranks. I was told by republicans, friendly to
Blackmer, that it would favor the cause of the R. party at the Fall elec-
tion to vote for him - that he had tacitly engaged to use his influence
for that purpose should he be elected capt'n. Protested my disbelief of
his sincerity - and the least difference it would make - in the election
alluded to - gave my reasons for acting as I intended to at this time.

Other things were mentioned which I have neither memory to retain,
nor time, nor patience to write down. Everything being settled, to do
which 4 hours at least were consumed, they proceeded in a new mode to
take down the votes - capt S. Robinson took down each man's name as he
came along beginning at the right and proceeding to the left, followed by
Isaac T. who marked against the name of the candidate voted for, everyone
voting as his name was called for - by which means no unfair game could
be played. Lieu't Pratt was chosen Capt'n - Ensign Blackmer, Lieut - made
a short complimentary address, such as is usual and no more - in a very
different spirit from what he did the 13th June 1817 - Serg't S.E. Godfrey
- Ensign - unanimously. Corp'l Z. King Barney 4th Serg't and Mr M.S. Nor-
ton 4th Corp'l. Lieut B. came nigh being jumped, as we call it, nothing
saved him but the votes of the non-commissioned officers - there were
privates, including myself, who were silent in the choice of Lieu't -
it was enough that he should be denied the captaincy - if others wanted
to do more let them - I would have no hand in it. I am dissatisfied with
my description of the manner of voting at this election. At first the
whole company was paraded in a single rank - the objectionables were
formed in front, single file, but after being

Jul 1818 were returned into then former rank. In this position the Company stood
246 when the votes were taken. This was done by the persons above named -
one taking down the names while the other followed close and marked down
the votes - the same method, except taking the names, after the Lieu't
was app'd was pursued through the whole election. Left the Company pre-
vious to the choice of Corp'l - Bo't at Swift's 1 pint Malaga wine - paid
for it 19" - Rec'd for 3/4 lbs hops at capt Mr. Robinson's - oo.20" -
Took 3 Columbians from Clark's and started for home - met friend W. Haswel
who invited me to attend a Republican meeting to see about celebrating
the 16th of August, but declined, it being too late in the day.

Celebra-
tion.

Spent the evening talking of the events of the day.

SUNDAY, JULY 12th., Faint, warm weather - strong gusts of wind began
to play in the P.M. - flying clouds. Uncle Asa
early set out to visit his friends in the E. part of the town. Father
and the girls attended church - riding thence in the wag'n.

MONDAY, JULY 13th., Signs of rain, flying clouds, wind S.W. Completed
mowing the little meadow - patches back of the
barn and barn-yard and garden were mown - P.M. hay was secured against
J. Rogers rain in the former place. Jona'n Rogers commenced working here - Chaunce
Mrs had his scythe fixed and mowed with it - Rolls were bro't from Hills.
Street Mrs Street came here to spinning wool.

TUESDAY, JULY 14th., Smoky and pretty warm. Haying went well. Sent
G. Godfrey Jun who offered himself as a mower
this P.M. to Mr Hinman. Mrs P. Waters, Mrs Clark & Mrs Parsons visited
here this P.M. T.C. Parsons had 1-1/2 bbls rye & 1/2 bbl wheat.

Jul 1818 247 WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th., A singular day indeed. From sunrise till past 12 the atmosphere was loaded with vapors which increased in thickness, so that just before the hour mentioned last, the main road and W. mountain could not be discerned at our house. P.M. the smoke was carried off by a strong N.E. wind, leaving it almost clear, except a few clouds which arose towards eve'g. In the latter part of the day it was very chilly, in fact it could not be called warm no part of the day. Night found us weary although we had not thundered or lightened much - Got in 4 loads of hay, one of which consisting of a due proportion of clover and herds-grass, produced on a little patch S. of the Ira house, was put in the horse-stable chamber. The Little Meadow was cleared of hay the preceding day - producing 3 1/2 tons - 2/3ds of what was cut in the S. meadow was drawn in. On Saturday the extent of our mowing with remarks will be reported upon. Uncle Asa returned from a 24 hours visit at Mrs Bucks - Pownal, highly pleased - bro't with him a religious book giving various accounts of Religious Experiences. Rogers improved fast in mowing. One word respecting the weather - very chilly in the morning, wind N.E.

Little
Meadow

Smoky
day

THURSDAY, JULY 16th Good hay-weather - wd N.E. Signs of rain in the P.M. The work went on in a pleasing manner.- got in 4 loads more of hay - Uncle Asa assisted at raking in the after-part of the day - 'Dama arrived in the ev'g from a long visit at uncle Sam's and elsewhere.

FRIDAY, JULY 17th., Many signs but no rain - broken black clouds - wind S.W. Regularity prevailed thro' all the business,- Mowed a good piece, got in nearly all the hay - mowed more at night. Friend Montague assisted P.M. So did uncle Asa.

Jul 1818 248 SATURDAY, JULY 18th., Fine day - dry S.W.winds - Rain much desired. We had now according to computation 1/3d finished haying - was completely up with the business, no hay being left out cut, the quantity of which was not less than 17 tones to about 10 acres - a much greater yield than in 1817. All the N. end of the S. meadow was mown extending from the Fay line to the lane-fence - about 60 rods long and from 15 to 25 broad. Friday P.M. and this day Montague & Rogers performed all the carting in a lively manner. The former had worked here 1-1/2 the latter 6 days at haying. Mr Parsons was very lame. Uncle Asa attended a Methodist meeting in Pownal. It had been most compleat hay-weather all this week, but we began seriously to wish for rain. Corn had flourished rapidly - so had other kinds of grain - potatoes it was tho't suffered for want of rain. The statement respecting our work above includes the little meadow which is mentioned by itself, p.210-247. I have omitted setting down the weight of our wool the present year, which was shorn from 28 head of sheep, weighing in the fleece about 78 lbs - Flax raised in 1817 estimated at 150 lbs.

Haying
in
progress

A.
Harwood

Wool &
Flax.

SUNDAY, JULY 19th Faint, cloudy, weather, wind S.W. - rain anxiously looked for. About a like number, uncle Asa inclusive, attended service & had a like conveyance as on the preceding Sabbath Completing index - see p. 220 - Felt dull, insipid, but nevertheless read 2 or 3 letters of Mr Pope & his friends in Elegant Epistles.

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Rain

MONDAY, JULY 20th., A rainy day thankfully hailed by all, although perhaps some suffered a loss thro' imprudence by leaving out hay over Sunday - It was a fine, warm rain - greatly longed for.

Jul 1818 We employed ourselves in doing that which we should not do in fair
249 weather - Towards evening rode towards Mr Hand's - agreed with him to
Mr Hand make a new cradle for \$2. - furnishing the scythe ourselves. An elder-
ly gentleman & Mr Hand's son Jo were with him. Just before I cleared
out, the extravagance of the ladies' dress, the too free use of ardent
spirits became topics of conversation, more particularly the former, on
Mr Barber which Mr H. made some very appropriate observations. A Mr Barber of
Rogers Pownal fell in company with me as I returned home - I should say about
C. Stone my age. Jonathan made a pair of shoes for father. Chauncey was sent
to mill A.M., in the rain - worked at grinding bark for Parsons - P.M.
likewise drove for Mrs P. to ride to Algiers & perhaps on to C. House
hill - got very wet. Erastus returned from working at Waters' with
his new chip hat.

TUESDAY, JULY 21st., Warm, cloudy, some rainy & muggy - wind S.W.
most of the day. It rained much during the pre-
ceding night. The day was spent mowing - Erastus in company. Rogers
had business at home till it was so late that he concluded to lose the
day - rode with the young mare in the 1 horse waggon to town, returned
World with a Vol. of the "World" papers a yoke and an old scythe. Our mowing
in part now rough and wearied us considerably.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd., Comparatively cool - flying clouds - tolerably
clear P.M. - wind N.W. till past 3 P.M. then
changed to S.W. No mowing was done more than what Montague & Rogers
Hay did in the A.M. - P.M. all hands at raking - put together about 5 tons
of hay partly on the flat N. of the upper brook & S. of it up to the N.
end of the cow pasture - from the Fay line W. as far as the brook runs
straight - See p.1 Elder Stark arrived here this P.M. - left his lady
Elder Stark in W'mstown, Mass at Dr Porter's

Jul 1818 THURSDAY, JULY 23rd., Moderately warm - fine hay day - cool evening.
250 A goodly quantity of hay was drawn in by Monta-
gue & Rogers who had previously assisted in mowing a handsome slice in
the morning. All mentioned on the 22d and a heavy load of what was
mown this day was disposed of as stated above. Chauncey & his cousin H
Elder Parsons worked well in the P.M. Elder Stark started early in
Stark the morning for Lee, N.Y. At eve'g uncle Asa returned from visiting at
the north - had attended the funeral of Mr Amariah Martin, Shaftsbury -
aged 75.

FRIDAY, JULY 24th We were rallied at three in the morning to se-
cure hay against a threatened thunder storm,
left in tumbles - the moon gave us considerable light which enabled us
to proceed with dispatch in the business. It appearing probable that
there would be time to get in the hay, the oxen were bro't, the cart un-
loaded in the barn although it was extremely dark & a heavy load thrown
Load of on not heeding several dashes of rain that occurred in the meantime -
hay stuck proceeding with haste towards the barn, when unfortunately in attempting
to cross the lower brook at a little distance above the common fording
place, the wheels sunk to the hob. After working a good while the load
was extricated and happily deposited in the barn - the remainder of the
Harvest hay was taken in without further ceremony, after which the weather became
commenced fair - showery at the N. - About 12 there came on a hard but short shower
- this was succeeded by a 2d still shorter and more severe, both accompa-
nied with thunder - Entered the rye-field - Mr Parsons was foiled in an
attempt to go to Smith's to draw hay. The hay above noticed grew along
the upper part of the upper brook - more than 6 acres of the S. meadow
remained to be mown.

Jul 1818 251 SATURDAY, JULY 25th., Moderately warm - wind S.W. some cloudy. The rye harvest progressed finely, considering our strength. Rogers could not reap so fast as an experienced hand but rapidly improved - Rye good. Mr Patchin & Lady and Miss Sylca Squire paid a visit to our ladies this P.M. Montague had wrought at our business 5 days the present week, Rogers the same, including 1 day at show-making.

Crossett & Adams SUNDAY, JULY 26th., Cold & rainy P.M. - wind S.W. Nothing steady in reading employed me - newspapers & Casey's Museum for 1790 were the Columns & pages that attracted my attention. Mr John Crossett & Miss Oliva Norton, likewise Mr Adams and Miss Julia Norton were this day published.

Waters Plaster Rye MONDAY, JULY 27th., Very foggy on the mountains and over our heads till noon - P.M. flying clouds, some fine rain & tolerably warm. Business like that of Saturday with the addition of E. Waters to our force. We tho't the rye was no so good as elsewhere on that part sown with plaster in the Spring - grass flourished too much for the grain. p.205.

Income TUESDAY, JULY 28th., Pretty warm - flying clouds - cool at evening. At about 3 P.M. finished reaping and setting up rye of which we presumed there might be 160 bushels, the field containing 9 acres. See p. 33. Closed the day pulling flax. Jonathan went to Hands & returned late with a new cradle. P.249. Mr Waters here.

Income WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th It was not a bright hay-day - had a slight shower A.M. - very hot P.M. A small piece of the winter wheat was cradled, flax all pulled & considerable grass cut in the N. meadow - Cast up this evening all that had been sold off the farm according to acc't - making a total of about \$500. P's 150, 220.

Jul 1818 252 THURSDAY, JULY 30th., The weather was extremely difficult to divine, during the A.M. but P.M. it wore a very threatening aspect, clouds hovering all round - showers & thunder in every direction, however by the unremitting exertions of friends Montague & Rogers, 5 tons of hay W. & N. of the barn and a middling load of winter-wheat with a jag of barley-wheat were safely drawn in. M. had the misfortune to get slightly wounded in the knee with a pitchfork. Mr Parsons rendered us essential service at raking this P.M. - labored from noon till dark - uncle Asa had the goodness to join us a part of the P.M. Had now according to estimation 30 tons hay in the barn. Uncle S. Robinson came up with aunt Sarah at noon - left her & the babe to return to his work - she tarrying all night. Winter & barley-wheat poor. Very warm especially in the night, when it rained.

S. Robinson and lady. FRIDAY, JULY 31st., Thick and foggy in the A.M.-P.M. flying clouds abd hazy. Wind variable, settled at last in the N.W. Haying in the N. meadow advanced regularly. Erastus attempted to keep the field in the morning, but his wound and the state of his health caused him to retire to his bed till sometime P.M. when he resumed his station, Mrs Streetnor did he quit it till sundown. Mrs Street arrived from Algiers this morning, having witnessed the marriage of those gentlemen & ladies mentioned on Sunday. Crossett on the 29th and Adams on the 30th inst.

Weddings SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st., Sound hay weather, warm, wind N.W. Cleared the N. meadow of hay. The foundation of a large stack Montague was laid, into which 3 loads were put. Montague worked for gov Tichenor Rogers went with out team, oxen & horses, & drew a large load of hay from P Smith's to Parsons'. Business carried me to town at night where I found let Theodosia ter at P.O. from Theodosia containing bad news. p.262

Aug 1818 During the present week E. Waters had labored here two days - Parsons half
253 do - Montague about 4-1/2 & Rogers with the exception of the service just
mentioned, 6 do - had acquired great skill in mowing, considering his inex-
Work done perience at first. On the 31st ult. died Mr Elisha Downs in his year.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd., Tolerably clear & very warm, wind N. My principal
reading was the Constitution of Maryland which I
did not in every respect like. Chauncey & others from Parsons' visited the
Spruce Ridge, whortleberrying - had good luck.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd., In the morning & during the A.M. rain was looked
for & expected. P.M. high wind from W. broken fly-
ing clouds, very little rain here, but they seemed to take it at the N.
Pretty warm in the night and A.M. but P.M. rather cool. Mowing & raking,
but no getting in hay this day. We boldly attacked the upper part of the
Veal sold S. meadow. Mr Bisby, the butther, bo't, under price, a fine veal calf upwards
to Bisby of 5 weeks old, here, for \$3.25 in cash, paid down. Lucy & betsey Street
visited here this P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th., Fine hay-day, wind N.W. till near night when it
changed to S.W. Worked till late in the evening
at haying. Completed mowing the upper S. meadow. Another stack bottom
was laid and as much as 5 or 6 tons of earthe hay was carted by Montague &
Hay Rogers. In the upp'r mead'w w. of the leaning basswood we had about 3
tons. E. of this being about as productive as usual, very light, obtained
perhaps 3 tons.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th Warm, cloudy, good hayweather. Signs of rain. Fin-
ished mowing the S. meadow in about the same place
mentioned p. 19, and it was more productive than at that time - mowed more
Rogers than a load in the hog-pasture. Rogers was absent till nearly 6 p.m.
drawing hay from Smiths' to Parsons. Lydia

Aug 1818 Norton & her friend Emma Loomis were here this evening.
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6th., The forepart of the day threatened us with rain
which began to fall towards noon, its continuance
was short, wind changed from S.W. to N.W., clouds broke away, good weather en-
Winter sued. Harvested and drew in the remainder of winter wheat - we judged that
wheat in the whole there would be about 25 bushels - raised from little more
Montague than 2 acres - P. 36 - Friend Erastus, sun about an hour high, cleared out for
to Shaft'y Shaftsbury, made preparation for draising rye - cutting a rod thru the oats

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th., A.M. flying clouds P.M. hazy looked likely for rain
Haying Completed haying. No I am wrong it was a fine
finished day and we drew in 2367 shieves rye assisted by Mr Parsons. This business
Rye cart- being finished about 5 p.M. P. went home, and we ended the day mowing. It
ed in. must be readily understood that we employed two teams at drawing grain.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th., See Friday for the weather. We finished off hay-
Haying ing having collected from about 32 acres, includ-
Remarks ing the hog-pasture at least 45 tons hay. Those parts of the meadows on
which was sown plaster generally produced well - the whole yielded much
better than in 1817 - Much greater quantities of hay were mown in this
Gogers part of the country than there had been for many years before. Rogers had
worked in our service all the week except being absent as mentioned on
Parsons Wednesday. Mr Parsons worked on Friday as above stated - Montague 4 days.
In finishing our business uncle Asa assisted.

Aug 1818 SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th., A very agreeable day - rather warm - cool ev'g
255 Spent the P.M. with friend L. Norton at his house reading Hume, mostly concerning the reign of Queen Elizabeth. For Visit at my part I never enjoyed myself more happily - it might be said I was arrogant in engrossing all the reading to myself - this was not what I wished to do - presented the book to him several times, but he said he Birthday had rather hear me - Indeed, reading was never more easy to me. Promised to attend again. Sister Lydia this day entered her 28th year.

MOMDAY, AUGUST 10th., Warm, dry weather, flying clouds, wind S.W. A sort of choaring day with us - mowed weeds & some grass in the hog-pasture - collected a small quantity of hay with which a stack was topped off - drew home a few shieves of green oats cut for Borrowed opening a road through the field. Chauncey harrowed in the field mentioned, p.224 Went to town in the evening to borrow money, was promised books returned it by a good man on the morrow at eve. Elegant Epistles & Carey's Museum for 1790, were left at the Post Office.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th., Very warm till past 2 P.M. when it became cloudy - moderated a little - commenced moderately Spring grain. the harvest of the spring-wheat. Tried some to cradle, but failed for want of skill. Chauncey again at harrowing. Mrs Street left here this Mrs Street morning for V.D. Speigle's where there was a 2d son newly born. Sent to Mr Fassett for money which agreed to lend, but he was absent.

Aug 1818 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th., It was a most extreme warm day for the most part - we worked slowly at the spring-wheat - 256 wanted more help, in quest of which and to borrow money rode to town - of 1st Vol the former could obtain none until Monday - the latter engaged of Dr of Hume Swift. Borrowed Hume's 1st Vol - read his life. Darius Clark said his 6ol'n & brothers Solomon & Nathan had the day before started in the morning for N. Clark the Western Country.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th We were in constant expectation of rain till past 2 P.M. when there fell a timely & much wished for shower from N.W. accompanied with thunder. Extremely warm all day. I find Another mistake - The above is what occurred on Friday. This was as warm a day. I find I am right. By assistance from A. A. Randol Randall who worked rather more than half a day with the cradle, Mr Hinman's son less than half a day with the same implement and some help Hinman from uncle Asa - finished cutting & setting up the spring-wheat. Borrowed boy rowed of Dr Swift 10 dollars in cash - returnable in less than 1 month. money From P. Dewey's bro't for Mrs Street a bundle of rolls.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th Cool and some rainy during the A.M - continued vool through the day - flying clouds - wind N.W. At Hin- Business unimportant during the former part of the day. P.M. all worked mans at haying for Mr Hinman who was about finishing. Mr Parsons arrived with Fassett hides from the river past 1 P.M. Mr J. Fassett staid all night with us.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th., Cool agreeable weather - wind N.W. hazy, some cloudy.

Aug 1818 Our Celebration was numerously attended from Pownal, Hoosack and this
257 place - procession respectable under the conduct of Col Brownell & Capt Stephen Robinson - Col Merrill delivered a fine oration delivered grounded on good old Republican principles. After dinner at Fassett's a number of sentimental toasts were drank accompanied with songs, hearty cheers & discharge of cannon. Cash being scarce with us, my father & I only assisted at the toasts. We were highly delighted at seeing our worthy friend Heman A. Fay who came from Albany to enjoy the day with us -

Celebra-
tion

There were present Col J.E. Robinson & his brother Henry on this occasion. But we missed many, very many, of the heroes who were in the battle & others of those days, Particularly our much lamented & never to be forgotten poet Anthony Haswell to whose fertile genius they never applied in vain, at the annual return of all our great days, for whatever was wanted in the poetic line completely applicable to the moment - And now he has departed, his songs were gladly selected as main props to the celebration - Sentiments are there inculcated worthy the most virtuous republican and too just to be controverted.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th., Fine but cool day, wind N.W. Read to the 100th page of Humes' 1st Vol. - Harold Harefoot's reign. Supped on boiled corn. Montague, Rogers & the girls ascended the mountain W. of this

MONDAY, AUGUST 17th Cold morning - clear day, hazy evening, wind mainly N.W. Father & I worked at Dr Swift's raking & binding spring-wheat, peas & oats - the former a middling crop. "The Dr shewed us the Declaration of Independence, By B.O. Tyler - neat indeed. Aunt B. Stone and her daughter's Annis & Lucy came here this P.M.

*this is P. Stone
as it obviously
means Rhoda
(Newey) Stone -
H.B.W.*

Aug 1818 TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th., Dry good harvest weather - warmer than it had
258 been but cool in the evening, wind N.W. A.M. a new plow was bro't from Hand's - observed that Mr Jewett was about to close haying. A. Randall & Mr Hinman cradled oats. P.M. Mr Hinman continued cutting oats, father & Chauncey carted in the remainder of the sp'g wheat. I worked at Dr S's carting in wheat & oats, 2 loads of each, with Randall - Father conveyed his plough to the blacksmith's to prepare for fall work - Cousins, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Waters, Mrs Sears & A. Stone enjoyed the P.M. here with aunt S. & mother. In the evening conversed with aunt S. visit us about our ancestors and obtained considerable information - She said she Wid Stone was 67 in March 1818.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th Wind S. - Cloudy P.M. - rained just at night. A.M. raked & bound oats at Mr Hinman's - were all in his service till noon. P.M. worked at our own oats - got in one load before the rain - stacked a few - about 1 third were left in swath, We should have been pleased to have secured the whole. Read Wm the Conquerors Victory in 1066.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th Rainy from the S - Gladly received. Visited town on business at the blacksmith's - nothing done - Cash recd no coal, but sent for some. Rec'd \$1.2" in cash of H. Fassett for 7lb 6 oz Cheese butter. Promised him 150 & D. Clark 100 lbs cheese. P.M. H. Waters' patched the barn roof - 1 bushel winter wheat was threshed out - Chauncey Tim Palmer was sent to mill with that & other grain. Mr Timothy Palmer with his daughter Lydia, the youngest of his family arrived here this P.M. from NUNDA, N.Y. - requested leave to deposit his goods in our other house, which were transported in a 1 horse waggon by a youth from

Cash recd
Cheese
H. Waters
Tim Pal-
mer's
daughter

Aug 1818 Schoharie County, who proceeded across the G. Mountain in haste. Mr P. had
259 quitted his new residence on account of ill health - wanted to keep his things here a few days till he could find a house.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st Flying clouds, pretty warm, wind N.W. In the morning visited the mill and bro't our plows from Col Norton's ready for running - Talked with J.S. Robinson respecting cheese, but he didn't talk Turkey. Engaged 10 bbls cider to H.H. Fassett. P.M. went Cider engaged. to plowing, the oats, by some assistance from A. Randall were all got in. - Sophia- middling crop - 3 acres. S. Waters came on a visit from Arlington. Aunt Waters. Stone & daughters returned to Hoosack - We now had compleated all our hay- Harvest ing & harvest - 9 acres rye, 2-1/2 do winter-wheat, more than 4 do spring- finished wheat, 3 do oats, 1/4 do barley wh't and as much of flax and about 32 acres mowing.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd Cool with flying clouds - wind N.W. Followed our Ploughing plows - Chauncey went to Capt Hills to do an errand & assisted by his friend H. Parsons scraped the moss off the roof N. Palmer side of the other house. Mr Palmer & daughter visited Shaftsbury. Friend Rogers Rogers bro't us a handsome steel square which he bo't at Sheriff's sale steel- for \$1.8" - Let us have it at the same rate. Mr Parsons having sold his square. Hicks horse rode to Hoosack in pursuit of another which he meant to purchase. Parsons Montague came from Shaftsbury - complained of illness.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd Warmer than it had been - pretty fair. Read in S Waters Hume 94 pages, from Wm the Conqueror to the end of U.M. Robinson Stephen's reign. Cousin U. Robinson paid us a visit. S. Waters cleared out for Arlington.

AUGUST 24th & 25th Ploughing was our chief business - 25th raining moderately - Rain was much wished for. Uncle Asa arrived from a

AUG 1818 visit among his brethren. T. Towsley here this evening.
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T Towsley WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26th Curdly clouds - wind S.W. warm abd muggy. Fihished plowing the sheep pasture 2d time, commenced plowing stubble ground where grew the winter-wheat. Went to town on business - J. Alvord Saw Julius Alvord from Wilmington on his return with a drove of young hogs, Mr Marble accompanied by another gentleman. At noon uncle Z. Harwood and his Kinsman, of Natchez Mr Marble, of Natchez, on their way from New Lebanon where they had paid a visit to Heman Harwood & family, dined here, chatted awhile & departed.

Mr M. said he should start for home Sept 1st. Lived 24 miles N.E. Natchez. This evening I rode from town with friend J. Norton Jun which was the reason why I did not call on friend Alvord as I agreed to - I did call but he was feeding his hogs at McEowen's.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th Extremely warm cloudy - wind S. Mr Bliss this Veal morning butchered the 7th veal calf killed here or raised here this season, for it must not be forgotten that the butcher bought one - and indeed my recollection grows brighter on the subject - one of the number never grew to anything, we only had his skin, which makes 7 skins carried to Parsons'. It took me till nearly noon to dispose of our veal - carried to Col Norton 18 lbs, Dr Swift 18-1/2 lbs, hind quarter, Parsons 16 fore do, veal. P.M. threshed rye. Father & Chauncey plowed stubble. At eve'g J. Rogers, T. Towsley & B. Hinman attended a little dance here for which I played.

Aug 1818 FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th A very warm day,cloudy - wind S.W. They finish-
261 ed ploughing stubble-ground about noon. P.M. we
cleaned up 9 bbls rye. Chauncey arrived from aunt Han.Harwood's with 40
Cloth yds woolen cloth - we sent her by him 1 bhl rye.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th., Tolerably warm,appeared likely to rain,but it on-
Sowing only scattered a few drops - good day for sow-
ing - we had sown 5 acres with rye - S. of the S. meadow next the Fay
farm. At night commenced writing to Theodocia of Attica.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th Cold morning - cloudy,and looked likely for
rain - grew warm towards night. Very dry. Rain
much wanted. Read Hume through most of Henry 2nd reign to near the end
of that of Richard 1st. Enjoyed the day pretty well.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31st Very warm - flying clouds - changeable winds -
Drought Dry - complaints very severe from the E. & S.on
this head. Spent the P.M. threshing rye - Burton Hinman assisted. We
Young man finished sowing rye in the winter wheat stubble - p in all little
of Middle-more than seven acres - in fine order. The young man who brought Mr T.
burgh,NY Palmer's daughter & effects here arrived from Pittsfield, N.H. with two
small children a boy and girl which he was to carry to Middleburgh,N.Y.

Sept TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st Very warm again - dry clouds. Previous to going
to Freeman's Meeting pursued threshing & sunning
wheat preparatory to threshing seed. Chauncey worked at harrowing. Our
Middleburgh gentleman called again,going to Shaftsbury. P.M. attended
Election the poll. Judge Robinson,by a strange schism among the Federalists ob-
tained his election in opposition to Solomon Safford,representative to
the town by majority

262 Galusha for gov.
I sat down at Clark's office & finished the letter commenced on the
29th. It replies to that noticed p. 252 wherein she states that she was
very ill,her farm and affairs in extreme bad plight, wished my father to
come out & assist her to remove to this place - this is in substance what
she writes. In mine I stated that the uncertainty of what was best to be
done, had caused with other reasons the delay of our reply - there was
talk of uncle S.Robinson's going, which was uncertain - next to impossi-
ble for father to go - money most unusually scarce - recommended to her
to sell her stuff such as would be bad to transport & she could do with-
out & by that means to hire some one to bring her out - demanded an im-
mediate reply - wanted to know how she did & how the plan would work -
This is the pith of that letter - put it in the office dated August 31st
1818. Respecting the election it must be observed that Judge Robinson
was chosen through the apostacy of Stephen Dewey & a few of his federal
friebs - so equally divided do we find this town. The ostensible reason
for such conduct was for the sake of putting down Judges & Lawyers fees -
a subject which had engaged much of Judge R's attention,being determined
to cry down the practice.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d The weather continued very warm,cloudy,showers
Waters lays at the NE,thunder,dry here,wind N. Assisting
floor. our joiners,E.Waters & apprentice,& threshing wheat,constituted the bus-
H.Taylor iness. At E.Waters' saw Harry Taylor,Pittsfield,Ms. Rode home in W's
waggon with Lydia & Dama.

Sep 1818 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d Fine weather, but quite too dry, flying clouds,
263 wind N. Rode with E. Waters in his new 1 horse
waggon drawn by the Doty mare in her 21st year to Shaftsbury where in a
Training meadow a few rods S.E. of the meeting house there was a Regiment Review,
st General Robinson, general Roberts, Col's Cross & Brownell, Major L. Norton
Shaftsbury as well as a pretty full complement of other officers being present.
The companies were well filled and appeared quite tolerable for Militia.
Our Stamford & Readsboro friends were not on the ground, being excused on
account of distance by the Col. Matters were peaceably, & for aught I
know, making allowance for the nature of the service, handsomely conducted.
I conceived that the field was too small, however we wont find fault nor
can we afford to lavish time, more than to say the Band from Bennington
& the whole gang of martial music und'r Hendryx & N. Squire performed well
Friend W. & I reached town a little before 7, he retired to McEwen's
with cousin H. Taylor - I laid my course for home where I found Elder
Cobbets Stark who had just arrived from Lee, N.Y. - I thought myself greatly fa-
Frammar tired but on reading in the Columbian Mr Cobalt's account of his Gram-
mar, in which by the bye he speaks quite disrespectfully of Murry, felt
pretty lively.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th & 5th Continued dry with signs of rain
Wheat - warm. Finished off sowing 5 acres winter wheat
sown. plowed in - ground light and in excellent order. Friday eve'g Lydia,
Sally, 'Damia & myself made a pleasant little dancing visit at Parsons' -
Waters compleated laying the kitchen floor firm & good.

Sep 1818 SEPTEMBER 6th This was a very warm Sunday, signs of rain. Was pla-
264 gued with harnessing one horse waggons, but read about
70 pages of Hume, respecting the reigns of John & Henry 111'd including
a view of the Feudal Laws.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th Rainy once more - really good, but not enough.
Fishing Caught trout out of the brooks by damming them
up & bailing out - P.M. threshed wheat - Chauncey hunted some A.M. $\frac{3}{4}$
P.M. fished a little, did nothing a little.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th., Rainy moderately from N.E. gloomy. Four hogs
Hogs were shut up fattening, something was done at repair
Lydia ing fences, putting the sty in order & threshing a few oats. Lydia Palmer
Palmer had business here from Shaftsbury with an elderly female friend in a
one-horse waggon.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th Rainy & gloomy, wind & rain from N.E. Beat off
Flax & cleaned flax-seed, 2 bushels - Flax carried to
the ground ready for spreading. We the young folks here & at Parsons'
Dancing had a dancing visit at Hinmans' - Erastus was with us. Cold & chilly,
wind high.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th Cold - flying clouds - cleared off P.M. wind
N.W. Began cutting up corn & spread the flax
A. Harwood Father in the A.M. bro't from Weeks', the old ram. Uncle Asa departed in
departure the morning for Sempronius, N.Y. See p I find that the first men-
tion of the House of Commons in England was in 1264 and the Earl of Lei-
cester.

Sep 1818 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th Some frost this morning - fine day followed,
265 which we briefly employed in cutting up corn.
Cutting Father had business in town A.M. P.M. near night he attended to Uncle
up corn Sam & Aunt Sarah who came up on a visit. The former introduced me to a
singular secret about which I felt extremely well pleased. This is the
anniversary of that glorious victory obtained by the brave McDonnough

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th Fine weather - Looked likely for rain at night.
Hearth Erastus laid the kitchen hearth in a permanent
laid manner & did other matters in his line enough to engross the whole day.
In getting the lime, 3 bbls, this morning, saw friend J. Norton who was in
Capt a one-horse waggon going to the Balston or Saratoga, I did not enquire
Norton which, to bring his father home who had been there about 10 days for his
Mrs R. health. Chauncey with the one-horse waggon, Parsons', brought aunt Stone
Stone from Mr Martins' W. part of the town here - and P.M. finished cutting
up the corn. Besides waiting upon the mason we hauled up a considera-
Mrs Par- ble quantity of old wood. Mrs Parsons in attempting to ride to Pownal
sons in the one-horse waggon received some injury from being over-set in a
wounded fracas which the horse got into - the same horse that had lately very
nearly been the means of killing his master, Mr N. Eldred, Pownal, His
great failing was in running back.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th Cold SW wind, cloudy, little rain, ground dry.
Read through the reign of Edward 1st of Eng-
Sally land. Mrs Duncan paid us & her mother a visit. Sally Harwood entered
Harwood her 26th year.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th Warm & dry - w'd N.W. Laid a fence S. side
Blazedell rye field. Blazedell assisted at moving rails.
Stark & Chauncey helped him with cart & oxen draw hay in the P.M. Elder Stark
lady & lady came here on a visit.

Sep 1818 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th Ex tremely warm & cloudy A.M. P.M. between the
266 hours of 3 & 4 there came a heavy shower attend-
ed with hail, loud and frequent thunder. In the morning rode with Mr
Rain Brown to the S. end of the town - subpoenaed two of his witnesses, Mrs
Witnessing Hand & Lydia House to appear in his Will cause at this term - left him
subpoenas after making returns, at H's and returned home, by way of Capt N's. - En-
served quired respecting his, Capr N's health, was informed of his gaining slowly
Visitors by friend L. Norton. About 11 A.M. cousins from Williamstown arrived &
from W'm we gave up business P.M. to attend to them. Some progress had been
town. made at plowing, but Chauncey was permitted to hunt pigeons with Hinmans
boys except the time taken up in bringing the waggon from Col Norton's
With our friend Elder Stark, Dr A. Porter, & Professor Dewey we walked
out to view the head of the hither-brook - crossed over S. from that to
the middle Dry Brook through the woods, the Professor, who with me was
left in the rear, kept halting every moment to examine plants & flowers
which fell in his way - having left the woods - stretched across the
meadow and finally arrived at the house. Assisted in harnessing Dr P's
hack - they supped and were ready to depart just as Mrs Waters rode up
with Chauncey - compliments were exchanged & away they went. I gallant-
ed Mrs W. to her house in uncle S's waggon. Eve's completed reading
Ed's lld's gloomy reign. The Professor had his Manual of Botany in his
pocket. Mrs Porter, Mrs Dewey - eldest & youngest daughters of the form-
er & the latter,

Sep 1818 267 were with them,two very fine promising,active little girls.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th Rained but little A.M. P.M. and evening it rained powerfully,chiefly I suspect from the E. Ploughing We attempted plowing A.M. but gave it up on account of the rain. P.M. Elder thrashed rye. Elder Stark & aunt S. took leave of us after a pleasant v Stark & visit,for the west,in their covered one-horse waggon - Our old aunt,about lady 66 years of age,in spite of her palsied state,could walk with the aid help of a crutch,very slowly,or when assisted by someone at her elbow - Said but little unless spoken to. Uncle S. appeared very kind and ever ready to help her.

THURSDAY,SEPTEMBER 17th We now had a great & soaking rain which did not Rains cease till late P.M. Business dull - wanted to go to the N.W. or W. part of the town to Hinsdills works,but it rained so hard that I only went to Dewey's mill & to Court House hill - sold 6 lbs butter at 1/0 pr lb to Fassett who paid cash down - Looked at the Court - visited the P.O. - took in capt Waters at Pickett's - called at Cannon-wheel Gen'l Robinson's - Put aboard one of the old iron cannon-wheels the prop erty of Col Norton which Mr Hinman had borrowed of him & desired me to Capt Waterbring down - Landed Capt W. at Capt Dewey's evening read a few pages in the reign of Edward 11ld - Chilly air.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th Tolerably warm- cloudy - rained at night. We employed ourselves at plowing - finished the sp'g wh't stubble W. of the barn. Chauncey when not gazing at cranes & Mr West hawks,worked pretty well a-digging potatoes. Mr West arrives,reports all arriving doing well at Attica. A little apple-paring drew together our young Law case friends here,for whom I played for them to dance. Mr Brown's will case was tried & went against him. From the mill mother bro't 24³/₄ yds W.cloth

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th Rainy in the morning - considerably so P.M. near night there was a hard shower,which seemed to indicate a change in the weather. Our business was not of great import Cloth leftance although we were not idle. Getting plow-shares sharpened called at Pick- me to town in the morning. Left for sale at Pickett's 12 yds fine home- etts spun woolen cloth to be disposed of to the best advantage - allowing us Letter accordingly. Received a friendly letter from N.R.Locke enclosing poetry from Lockewith notes annexed consigned to Lydia & Dama. This letter shall be no- ticed with the reply at p. In the eve'g a rough computation of debts Estimates due our creditors was made from which it appears that,taxes of town and of debts state inclusive,on book account &c.,the amount was\$297.00 &resour- On notes,including land bo't of Gen Robinson \$8000 281.28 ces. \$578.28 See p.370 Uncertain, estimated at 50.73 \$629.01 To meet the first of the above sums,Produce &c\$298.90 To which add in cattle,sheep & horses,wintered out 764.00 \$ 1062.90 SubtractDebts 629.01 Leaving us in case of extremities 433.91 N.Edgerton entered my name in Bigland's Vices.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th The foggy wet weather continued till sometime in the day. P.M. & ev'g chilly N.W. wind, flying clouds - Finished reading the 1st Vol of Hume - Ed'd 11ld reign Hume p. 256.

Sep 1818 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st Very unsettled weather - rainy by turns, clouds
269 angry & in swift motion, cool wind chiefly N.W.
Attempted plowing in the morning - retreated for rain into the barn -
Winter wheat the horses trod out the last of the winter-wheat, which amounted to 6-1/2
bushels; & with what had before been got out am'd in full to 16 bushels.
Mr West put up here this night.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22d Black & cloudy, cool-wind N.W. Plough'd oat stub
ble - 2 teams - Chauncey went to mill.- rec'd
Stove up by him 2d Vol Hume. Got up the stove at night. p.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd Flying clouds - good weather - wind N.W. Fin-
ished off ploughing 8 acres stubble land. Wrote
Letter to a lengthy letter to friend Theodosia of Attica to inform her that we had
Theodosia misconceived the meaning of her letter of July. She did not desire us
to bring her & her family here. I explained the nature of the business
in the most explicit terms, showing on every account it was for her in-
terest as well as ours if she could get along to stay there a few years
longer - gave in a statement respecting debts as is exhibited p.269.
Endeavored to show that I was sincere - as in fact I was.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th A slight frost - fine warm day - cloudy - Dug
Hops potatoes &c. The hops were gathered on Wednes-
gathered day. This morning a man who had tarried here with his 2 boys, whose name
Tramp on we did not learn, departed for Shaftsbury. 43 years of age - advised to
prune apple-trees in the fall. Mr West decamped for the N. leaving 1
horse here.

Thunder FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th Thundered early in the morning, warm day followed

Sep 270 Spent the A.M. in town marketing butter. Engaged from 75 to 100 lbs to
1818 D. Vlack, about 130 to Fassett, 50 to Col Merrill, & 20 to Pickett, besides
20 already engaged to Hyde. Clark promised to pay me in December at the
Butter rate of 1/0 pr lb. Saw his brother Sol who had lately arrived from the
W'd. Called in a few moments at Court - the session about winding off.
Felt hat Bought a felt hat of hatter Clark at \$2.25" - to pay in our way - 69"
ready paid in veal. Heard a bargain between Elisha Waters & Mr Crossett.
Bargain The former had received a one-horse waggon of the latter which he now gave
between up to him at \$75. agreeing to take in lieu thereof cabinet work to be
Waters & delivered after the expiration of a month when called for during the
Crossett winter. P.M. dug potatoes - father thrashed rye. Chatfield & Hedges
Parsons visited here this ev'g. Made a mistake in reckoning with Mrs
Mrs Champney - rectified it next day - she charged for weaving 102 yds linen
Champney cloth \$8.50" - our acc't was \$7.12" leaving in her favor \$1.38"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th Fine day. Main business digging potatoes.
Wrote an order on Pickett for Champney (Mrs) to
Visit at the am't above stated - another order on C. Hills in her favor for carding
Arlington Mrs Street here this evening - Lydia & Mrs Waters went to Arlington in
Tea, how P's waggon, drawn by the D. mare. This evening looked over store bills &
much annu-found that since Oct 1st we had bo't 25-1/4 lbs tea, 2 lbs bohea inclu-
ally con- sive, amounting to the sum of \$21.61" Mr Waters was lame - singularly &
sumed. badly.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th A large frost this morning - cold chilly day -
Most of our family attended worship - Read thro'
Richard 2d & Henry 4th - took a walk in the fields with Sarah and the
Mrs Streetchild. Mrs Street went to B.Squires' where a young boy had lately appear
B Squires ed upon the stage - According to a rough estimate our own family consump-
Goods,how tion of goods bo't of merchants, exclusive of plaster amounting to better
much cost than \$19.00,within 12 months was not far from \$144.00

MOMDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th Another bitong frost - Flying clouds, chilling
wind from N.W. Worked at digging potatoes.
D.Clark Visited town at night - transacted business there - Brought a keg from D.
Clark's - C. said he'd have 100 lbs butter - Soon after my return cousin
Roswell Roswell Hopkins made his appearance here - arrived from Vergennes on horse
Hopkins. back on his way to Mobile Point where he and his brother, Waite, were going
to superintend the building of a fort under a contract of about \$650,000.
from the Government of the U.S. Had left his wife & 5 children within
5 miles of her father's, Gen Strong - did not calculate to return with-
in less than 3 years - expected to meet his brother & lady at New York
where they were to take shipping & proceed by Water to the above place
His father and all friends at Hopkinton were in usual health & circum-
stances the last he knew of them. Cousin R. was in his 38th year. His
brother Isaac resided in Hop'k'n N.Y. - George in Kentucky, and the
youngest, James, aged 17, Union College, Schenectady.

Sep 1818 Our friend Lieut Scott called as he was hunting to see us, P.M.
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TUESDAY (WEDNESDAY) SEPT. 29th Cold & chilly all the A.M., wind N.E
R.Hopkins P.M. less cloudy and much more mild. Dug po-
tatoes. Our good cousin, a little past noon, took a friendly leave of
us for Mobile Point. Evening read the narrative of Mrs Kettle who was
Agricultu-carried captive to Montreal in the War of 1745 - Mr Parsons here this
ral. evening - I read a part of Mr Madison's Address on Agriculture - Good.

(THURS) WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30th Some frosty - fine day. This morning went
to Capt Norton's - rec'd 1/2 doz milk pans & 2
N F Champ-slop-bowls on friend Champney's acc't - amounting to \$1.25" They were
ney. burning the stone-ware kiln. Contin'd dig'g potatoes.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st., Frosty, The day was fine. Finish'd dig'g po-
tatoes, except in the garden. Mother rode to to
J.Rogers town on business - Jonathan & 'Dama rode, in the P.M. to Mr J.Watson's
Miss Lucy Near Matthews' on a visit. Uncle Sam Robinson & his 3rd were here in
Harwood. the eve'g - brought with them Miss Lucy Harwood of W.Rutland, Vermont.
Wood-pile Hitherto our square wood-pile as mentioned p. 184 remained entire
excepting some slight encroachments on the N.W. corner committed by the
ladies.
Potatoes For remarks on potatoes see p. 300
Mr West On the 30th ult. Mr West arrived from below, dined & went away in
the P.M. leaving another horse besides the one we had been keeping for
him in our charge.
Cousin Polly came up this evening with her father & Nathan on a
visit.

Oct 1818 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2d No frost, fine, warm weather, excellent for busi-
 273 ness. Husked corn at the heap. Chauncey work
 ed at Parsons' digging potatoes. Mr Hinman bought here 2 bhls rye at
 Rye sold 75" - paid towards it \$1.00" This evening we conveyed in P's waggon
 Hinman 51-1/4 lb cheese to E. Waters' - and 24 lbs 6 oz butter to H.H. Fassett,
 which, including other butter and cheese as may be seen pr bill since
 Butter & Sept 19 amounted to \$12.50 of which \$10.00 he had, according to contract,
 cheese paid to Dr Swift to answer what I borrowed of him, p. 256. We also made
 an important settlement with our merchant, S. Pickett, whose acc't in full
 Borrowed swelled to the am't of \$108.01", from which subtract credit \$.....
 money \$2.38" and it leaves a balance against us of \$105.63" which was put in
 Pickett a note on demand. Paid on the above \$2.50" in cash; bo't 1 qt molasses
 settlement- did other errands & came home. Col Norton agreed to buy our bullock.
 He & uncle S. Robinson as well as Parsons & other friends were present
 or about there in the course of the evening. Vide p. 46.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd Wind S.E. cloudy - appeared likely for rain,
 but after blowing all day very little fell -
 Sheep brot warm. Father & Chauncey bro't home the sheep from Weeks' - paid him ac-
 fr Weeks' cording to contract - p. 228. In the P.M. Mr Hand received by his boys
 B. Hand a wether worth \$3.00 - Sept 28th had a cheese weighing 17 3/4 - \$1.48" -
 has a all which went towards what was due him for making a plow and cradle at
 sheep. \$2.00 a piece. P's 249, 58. Mr Champney had 5 bhls rye on his ladys
 account for weaving at 75" - A quantity chips were housed - some corn
 husked.

Oct 1818 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th Gloomy, cloudy & chilly with scuds of rain from
 274 the S. Read but little. Filled up some
 blanks in our Farm Register, making the amount of all our income on rec-
 ord for 1817 to be about 500 dollars from which I am unable for want
 Farm of correct accounts to subtract our expenses. U.M. Robinson paid us an
 Register evening visit.
 U.M. Rob-
 inson.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th., Extremely black and chilly, a little rainy,
 wind N.W. Gathered apples in the young or-
 chard. Mr West happened here morning & evening. At night 68-1/3d
 Cheese cheeses were weighed which altogether amounted to Lbs 1226 - We had sold
 on hand since Aug 3d, 173 lbs which, added to what it was computed had been con-
 sumed in the family, we presumed there had been made from the milk of,
 say 10 cows, for that was our standing number, take the season through,
 tho' since the 1st of Aug't we had milked 12, such as they were, some
 being young & others heifers lately come in, about 1600 lbs. Rogers
 Death of assisted at this weighing. Mr Bliss butchered a sheep here this morn-
 p. Bliss ing - quarters weighing 50 lbs - Said his son Peletiah of Troy, N.Y.
 who died of a consumption was buried on the 2nd inst - in his 34th year

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th Very chilly in the A.M. & cloudy, P.M. rather
 more mild, less cloudy, stiff breeze N'wd
 Training Snow lay all day on the highest pikes of the H. Mountains - Attended
 training under capt S. Pratt - Lieut Blackmer not present - Ensign
 Godfrey on the ground in full rank.

Oct 1818 Holland Blackmer, one of our fifers, for some reason or other refused to
 275 do duty

Oct 1818 Holland Blackmer, one of our fifers, for some reason or other, refused to
275 do duty. Capt Breckenridge's Company made a martial appearance led by young spirited officers. Capt Webb had out his cavalry who were few in number but pretty well accoutred. Capt P. marched to Algiers late P.M. & there dismissed. At McEowen's saw Mr Ward Barney formerly one of my school fellows, now residing in the W. or rather in the N.W. part of Bennington-Pennsylvania. 70 or 80 miles from Pittsburgh - talked with him but a short time - learned that he was unmarried and in the land speculation. Mr B. was in the 32d year of his age. Father continued gathering apples in the y'g orchard.

Dr Swift WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th., Large frost this morning - Fine day, wind S. Gathered apples. Dr Swift came this evening to see Lydia. The lady mentioned Oct 1st departed for Uncle Sam's.

Young THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th Little or no frost - Fine warm day. Finished
orchard. picking apples in the young orchard which yielded
Misses ed 147 bbls in all - 136 for cider & 11 for other purposes. Sally &
Bliss & 'Dama assisted us in the P.M. They received the company of the Misses
Clark. Bliss & Clark. A stick of timber was cut in the woods for repairing the
Wheat cider-press and drawn home. Widow Jerusha Robinson bo't 2 bushels of
sold. wheat at \$1.75", paid cash by the hand of her son. Rogers & Chauncey rode
rode to town, car'd 20 lbs 4 oz butter to S. Pickett. R. received a letter
from N. House - there was one in the office for Hiram Harwood post-marked
Watertown, Vt. This finally belonged to my cousin.

Oct 1818 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th Fine weather - warm. Time chiefly employed in
276 waiting upon & assisting our carpenter, cousin
Cider Stephen Harwood in making a screw-box for the N.E. screw of the cider-
press. press - dove-tailed into the beam - not however completed this day.
Montague Friend E. Montague arrived from Shaftsbury, having completed his meeting-
house job to the general & individual satisfaction of the people who employed him. The trees & other things plainly indicated the approaching season.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th Fine weather again. The repair of the press by
H Parsons assisted at raising the mill - T.C. Parsons & his brother Hedges assisted
in raising the sweep. P.M. fences were regulated, some corn picked - apples under a tree in the great N.E. pasture gathered - between 9 & 10
Mrs Street bbls. Mrs Street & Melissa with Mrs Waters visited here this P.M. - the
& M , , former ladies presented Lydia with a fine green silk bonnet. Sarah & I
Parsons. visited friend Parsons' folks this evening - Saw, besides Hedges, Tho's
T Conklin Conklin to whom I was introduced (Sarah too) & found to be a polished
T. Harvey easy made gentleman, possessing much information. Mr T. Harvey came there
Errands on business. C. Stone bo't this night at Swift's store 3/6 worth paints.
by Rogers Rogers did an errand at Cushmans' respecting cider for us - said
& Stone he'd have 6 bbls.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th Warm, hazy day - wind N. Read little less than
100 pages of Hume - from 1483 to 1509 Or 10.

Oct 1818 With some ado we hunted up a part of our flock, the whole of which
277 had lately eloped from us. Priest Bingham they said preached. It had
Bingham now become quite dray again.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th., Good weather - clear A.M. Hazy P.M. - wind N.E.
Clear moon-light evening. We were assisted in
Apples gathering apples, which was our main business during the day, by 'Dama &
Sally - some for cider, others for winter & sauce - the latter was made
Elder up of Scott's sweetings, of which there was a good yield. Elder Nathan-
N. Otis. iel Otis of Lebanon, N.Y. gave a short call here about noon to see Aunt
Rhoda - Dined with us. We husked corn in the field at the heap at night
J. Rogers in co.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th cold
Chilling E. wind, not cloud - cloudy - rain signs
Made cider for Dr Swift including 1 bbl for Par
sons. Got in a parcel of corn to husk. Rogers & Chauncey rode to town
drawn by the young horse & young mare - did errands there - the latter
returned with a drum. Mr Simpson Ferrin came down with Rogers, he was a
brother of the Capt Stone.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th Wind E. - a storm looked for but does not come.
There was indeed a slight rain with chilling wi
Cider for wind. Made cider for Dr Swift, put enough in for Parsons to am't to 1 bbl
Dr Swift Got in all our corn not husked. Of Dr S's cider there were 10-1/2 &
of Parsons 1 bbl in this cheese.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th Cloudy morning - from 11 A.M. till night clear
& fine - From 75 to 100 bhls apples were gath-
ered in the S. orchard. J. Rogers, Mrs Kent & our ladies assisted. Mr
Hinman in attempting to make cider broke the mill - no fault in him.
Bull Col Norton received our 2 year old black bull. Chauncey being sick or
unwell went to the

Oct 1818 fulling mill, paid a ten dollar bill to Mr Leach the clothier. Father &
278 I husked corn till late in the eve. Rogers rode to S. Harwood's but did
not see him.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th Fine day. Clarke's orchard was cleared, produc-
ing about 75 bhls apples for cider besides a
few others for house use. Rogers, Mrs Kent & ladies on the carpet. The
former rode off to Harwood's again.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th Cloudy and warm till evening, then grew cool
fast - wind NW - we finished picking winter &
sauce apples - a few others were likewise gathered. Mrs Kent assisted
& received pay in apples for her services to the amount of 6 bushels
for 2 days. At evening visited town - carrying 4-1/4 yds undressed
woolen cloth to Buckley Squire's to pay for Bombazette - paid by the
hand of Mrs Pickett 25" cents to widow Robinson (Jerusha) towards change
for a 5 dollar Bill rec'd for 2 bhls wheat at \$1.75 - Settled with Capt
A. Hyde for 22 lbs butter at 1/0 he gave me up a note which I signed in
favor of Swift & Hyde, amounting to \$2.72 - paid me the balance in cash.
Received of H. Fassett \$5.00, of which \$2.00 were in advance - Paid to S.
Pickett on E. Montague's acc't \$4.50, took a receipt for the same. Learned
that Col Merrill had obtained his election by 47 majority only - Good
luck - heard other news. It falls to my lot to record the death of capt
Elijah Dewey - who breathed his last on Friday eve'g at 9 o'clock in the
75th year of his age - an officer in the Revolution & an undeviating
friend to his country & to the poor - possessed much property.

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Fine but dry cool weather - wind NW. Capt D's funeral sermon was handsomely pronounced by Professor

Chester Dewey of Williams College from Psalms 90th 12th verse. P.M. preached from Job - 3d, 4th & 5th. Atmnoon visited with fr'd B.H. Blackmer, C. Wright Dewey office - Received by Mr O. Abell who lately had arrived from Ohio, a letter from uncle J. Harwood, dated Sept. 20th. Short but containing no bad news - P. J. Harwood Put into Capt Safford Robinson's hands \$15.50" to be handed by him to his Money to brother Samuel who was requested to pay a demand of \$15.31" at Norman Norman Squire's, Lansingburgh, through which place he expected to pass On Monday or Squires Tuesday morning, ensuing.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th

Fair - damp, cool & from the S. Cleared the corn-field of everything valuable - made a short piece

Corn-field cleared of fence in the S. orchard P.M. Evening visited town for the purpose of getting timber at gen'l Robinson's, but on examination found it would not answer for making a cider-mill nut - Father rode ip on horse-back to execute that business - I had cart & oxen - Carried to Fassett 32 lbs 3/4 butter - talked with him awhile - bo't 3 lbs b sugar at Pickett's - took a Letter from bill of articles - took out of the P.O. a very interesting & well composed letter dated Attica, N.Y. Oct 8, 1818 from cousin C. Harwood, containing much Cath' pleasing information - sat down & commenced an answer, but did not complete Harwood it.

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J. Rogers & his friend B. Loomis set off for Manchester late P.M. to train in the Cavalry Regiment on Tuesday. Just at night Mrs Comstock & Mrs Osborne called a moment, took tea - visited aunt Stone - went on to Pownal.

Rogers & Melissa Street came to live with us awhile - very lively & full of glee. B.L. Cousin Margaret Harwood came over from Petersburg, N.Y. - tarried all Mrs Osbornight - was in tolerable health - had been tho't to be in a consumption, was M. Street gaining & so well as to enable her to ride on horse back, to walk, work light M. Harwood ly, eat and enjoy herself pretty comfortably.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20th., Cloudy & warm - wind S. Some time was spent in

Cider mill looking for & felling & drawing home a log of ma-timber ple timber for repairing the cider-mill - It was a most excellent one too, hard & heavy, but white. We sent word to cousin Stephen to come & do the cider mill - returned for answer that he could not be here till next day - Mr Street P.M. by assistance of Mr Street gathered about 50 bushels apples in the N. orchard. In the evening, the girls, including Sarah & Miss L. Street, came out and assisted at husking in the barn. Mother & Sally had visited Pickett's in the P.M. Apples for making cider were coming in from all quarters - Dr Swift's, Hinman's & Parsons'.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st.,

Warm - wind S. - 4 P.M. wind N.W. - cold, little rain. Husking and picking apples was

our work - Chauncey had a stint at the latter - Slovenly executed. M. Scott Lieut Scott visited the ladies. Cousin Stephen came over early to work on the cider mill.

Oct 1818 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22d Tough, cloudy & chilly - wind high from N.W.
 281 Cousin Stephen & friend Waters furnished finished
 the new cider mill nuts - fashioned like the old ones - many of the cogs
 Cider- were again made use of. We employed these gentlemen in this business in
 mill Oct. 1813 The mill was raised and ready to run. Mr West came up & settled
 Harwood & this morning - appeared a little riled, but soon recovered - paid three dol
 Waters lars in cash for horse keeping - having pastured a span of horses for him
 J. West ever since his arrival from Manlius, N.Y. where he said he owned a fine tav-
 ern stand. See p. 267.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd Very cold - snow on the mountains, w'd high N.W.
 Birthday Flying clouds. This day entered my 31st year.
 Time is consuming us fast, - how important it is that we improve it well -
 Mrs Noble But who amongst us can boast of a clear conscience with reference to this?
 & Field Father was quite ill with a bad cold. I assisted Mr Hinman in making cider
 Mrs Tay- Something was effected at husking. P.M. Mrs Noble of Pownal, who tarried
 lor and all night, & Mrs Field came on a visit. At evening arrived aunt Taylor &
 Mrs Waters cousin Anne Waters last from Pittsfield - left all well in that quarter.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th Much more moderate than on the 23d. Less cloudy.
 Father continued ill. Business was not of the most
 lofty character, tho' by no means disgraceful. Preparing cider-casks and
 clearing the barn-floor of chips & husks was the chief. Mr Hinman & I work-
 ed for each other some in the P.M. Aunt T. & cousin A. went to E. Waters'.
 Isaac Towards noon cousin I. Stone & Mrs Bishop drove up from Hoosick - staid till
 Stone late P.M. Cousin S. had lately visited his father's in

Oct 1818 Dunham, L.C. - all in health. He appeared to be highly engaged in Religion
 282 - sang a hymn composed by himself - prayed with us very fervently - was of
 the Methodist persuasion - had license to exhort. Mrs Noble, much pleased
 Mrs Noble with her visit returned home towards eve'g. By her we sent a two-dollar
 Cash paid bill to Mr Abner Noble to pay the debt contracted there as mentioned p. 202.
 A. Noble This eve'g Mrs Duncan & her 2d daughter came down on a visit - tarried all
 Acct with night. We this day settled, or looked over accounts with Mr Roger Booth
 R. Booth whose charges for making and finishing a pair of tombstones which are set up
 at my grand-father's grave, were \$19.58 - we had paid in cider & apples
 Book paid chiefly - \$15.94" - the balance he agreed to receive in cider & cheese - of
 for the latter he now took 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs - which with the cider would leave something
 in our favor which he said he'd pay in cash. See Oct. 1816. Cousin Isaac's
 abode was at Burlington, N.Y. He paid me 75" for a book - entitled "A Sys-
 tem of Polite Learning", which he bo't of me in Aug or Sept. 1816

Hume SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th Fine, warm, smoky weather - Slight wind N. Read Hume
 in Henry VIII, whose reign we find was extremely
 Mr B. his harsh & tyrannical - Assisted Mr Hinman some at screwing the cider-press.
 arrival The press was visited by N. Squire, H. Waters & Greenwood. Mr Brown rached
 home after an absence of 5 weeks in Connecticut - brought with him a new
 Mrs Dun- waggon & harness. Mrs Duncan and daughter rode home with her son Dewey who
 can had come up from Pownal with a one-horse waggon.

Oct 1818 MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th Remarkably fine smoky day - wind greatly N.
283 Ground 135 bushels apples of our own - Mr
Hinman built the cheese. Charles Cushman Jr came down, having his
Hinman little brother David with him & rec'd for his father 4 bbls cider.
Father was enabled to do some light work. Mrs Waters set out for
Illness Cmbridge, N.Y. to visit her daughter Mary Ann. I bo't this day of Mr
Mrs W Brown who had received another by will, his flute which he purchased
Flute bo't for me in the summer of 1813 for \$4.50", but afterwards gave up to hm
of Brown him on account of the narrowness of our circumstances. While in his
possession it had, from appearing to be very harsh ill going thing,
p.301 which was one great reason why I did not want to buy it at that time,
proved to be good, few in my opinion surpassing it, but unfortunately
ly he had accidentally broken the key - and I urged him all in my power
to induce him to abate something in the price, but without success
and I, rather than to lose so good and instrument, knowing by what he
said that another person stood ready to buy, came to his terms.
In the evening continued perusing Hume.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27th., Very smoky - Damp wind from the S. Our good
father attended to business as usual. Three
Cider bbls cider were carried to Capr Hills' - 2 to Mr Booth & 6 to H.H.
sold Fassett, which last I carried myself, waited upon friend Erastus, who
had been plastering D. Robinson's hall, Whiting & 2 others for tenders
Montague came home with me. Our ladies visited at E. Waters'. A letter from
uncle Asa was received - no bad news.

Oct 1818 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th Searching, high cold N.W. wind - Flying clouds
284 Choaring & attending to cider constituted
the business. Carried to H. Fassett Lbs 117.8" cheese
Cheese Col Merrill 114.00
sold D. Clark 105.12
Lbs 337. 4"
D. Robinson's Jun'r wife 21.12
Lbs 358. 4

Cash Received of Fassett towards butter & cheese (15 lbs of the latter
rec'd being now carried up) \$15.63 - which made us even on that score - hand
ed this cash to Col Merrill who agreed to put with it \$9.50 & hand it
do Paid to S. Pickett on the morrow - took 3 bbls into the waggon and drove on -
Paid Cushman a visit, said that he would not give more than \$1.25 for
cider, was buying of others at that. Cousin A. Waters & her mother visi
ted here.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th Pretty cold morning - became more mild in the
P.M. Made cider for ourselves. Aunt Taylor
& Cousin Anne, after a fine visit, started for home. P.M. Mr Watson brot
his daughter Harriet on a visit. Mr E. Doty tarried here all night, had
Harriet bro't grain.
Watson

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th Smoky - mild - wind S. Attended to cider &c.
The flax, 75 bundles, was taken up. At night
Flax carried to Col Merrill 4 bbls cider - Heard the African Band from Rutla
taken up land perform in the street - they held their concert at Fassett's where
African there was a ball for M. Scott. Saw Wm Haswell at his house, he'd just
Band. arrived from Montpelier.

Oct 1818 On Wednesday the 28th settled accounts with D.Clark - his charges amount
285 ed to \$6.75, mine, including the cheese, \$10.27 - balanced by due-bill
\$3.52" - p. 292

Settled

D.Clark SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st Warm & smoky - damp - wind S. We threw up a
cheese of 110 bushels. P.M. Chauncey went with
Chauncey S.H. Brown hunting - Mr Cushman rec'd 4 bbls cider. Lent Dr Swift 15 Gal
hunting do - Lieut M. Scott paid us a very lively & friendly visit P.M. & evening
I engaged to write him by the 1st of Dec. at which time he tho't he should
Lieut reach St Lewis, Missouri, T. promised him all particulars. Miss L. Stret
Scott was of the party. Mrs S. now temporarily resided with us. J. Rogers came
up this evening.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st., Smoky & warm till near night when there appeared
a thinder-cloud, wind arose, grew cool, some
Letter to rainy - Finished my part of a letter to cousin Catherine - left the re-
C. Harwood mainder to 'Dama - See Oct. 19 - Read through or to the end of Henry VIII
& a part of Ed'd VI in Hume. Had the weather been favorable should have
paid friend L. Norton a visit.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2d Rained some in the morning - wind N.W. cloudy all
Cider made day but was a pretty good day to make cider altho
for Swift a little blue - Chauncey & Parsons' boys assisted. This cheese consisted
of 120 bbls - belonging to Dr Swift - Shelled corn in the eve'g.
Rogers told a long story respecting Capt Hills.

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286 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd., Smoky & cloudy, signs of rain, mild. Attended to
making cider for Dr Swift. At night with Sarah
Visit at visited friend Horace Dimmick, W. part of the town. Found them as usual.
H. Dimmick D. made me a couple of halters. I provided rope. Played the flute - Mr
E. Rudd with his friends B. Adams and a youth, who had attended a meeting
of the Deacons', called a few moments to hear me. There was a stout black
man who informed he had lived in Lenox, Mass., the past winter - was ac-
quainted with a good musician named Blossom a blacksmith by trade, had
Cider to since removed to Genesee, N.Y. Left D's about 10 & arrived here past 11.
Fuller When going out conveyed to Fuller a bbl of cider.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th Odd smoky cloudy weather - Forepart of the day
quite warm. P.M. high wind N. a slight rain. -
Dr Swifts there was some rain in the morning. Laid on the remainder of Dr Swifts
cider apples - 105 bushels - put with them about 9 bbls for hatter Clark -
Dr S's people plagued us about casks - had made in the cheese previous to
this for the Dr 14 bbls & 30 gals. Mr Brown & Mr Hinman paid us a visit
this eve'g - the former had with him his new flute.

Nov 1818 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th., Warm, pleasant and some smoky - Signs of rain.
287 Visited town A.M. Carried to F.Clark, the hatter
a bbl^g of cider which we had made for him - agreed to take 30" for it -
Cider madeCalled on Col Merrill to whom delivered 31 lbs butter - agreed with him to
for Clark have a settlement on the 7th - he was in capt D's kitchen chamber looking
Capt D.R. over his Army papers. Visited the Captains lady - mentioned the cheese as
set down p. 284 - she called to her husband back of the house - he did not
immediately appear - I had business out - returned again - the capt at
length came with his consort to the front door & there spoke in such terms
of disapprobation respecting her in relation to this little matter as I
shall not disfigure my pages with . When he was on the point of drawing
the precious stuff from his pocket, recollecting that the Factory debt
mentioned p. 234 was unsettled which I supposed had been put to sleep by
an arrangement made in June with Col. M. , he withheld his cash.
I now went to see the latter, easily accommodated affairs with him -
said no more or at least did no more with the capt. - pushed for home, took
Mr Bliss in a few apples for Mr Bliss to grind - Mr B. rode down & dined with me.
We compleated making the Swift's cider which amounted to about 40 bbl
Parsons Randol carried off all but a small quantity. Mr Parsons had bo't a Lenox
stove stove - had flung by his old one - bo't Nov 7th., 1815.
In town saw Lieut Scott who

Nov 1818 was on the point of leaving town to join the Army up the Missouri - Sent
288 his compliments to all our family with information that he went off in
great spirits. This evening I sent a line to friend L.Norton respecting
School school-affairs - he replied verbally that he would see me on Sunday.
affairs Mrs Street, Mrs Jo Norton & Mrs Faxon visited here this P.M.

Cider FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th Cloudy, high S. wind - rained a little at night.
how much Made the last of our cider in a cheese containing
made & for Parsons 41 bhls, ourselves 32 & Mr Bliss 8 - yielding to the first
sold. 6-1/2, the 2d 4, the third 1 bbl.

Here follows a statement respecting the cider@:
Charles Cushman8 bbls....at \$1.25\$10.00
Henry H. Fassett6 , 1.50 9.00
Col Merrill4 1.50 6.00
Capt C.Hills4 do 6.00
E.Waters & E.Fuller ...2 'I each)at do 3.00
24 34 .00
For B. Harwood 21 of which 15 were in hogsheads on hand
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Our fruit was in general nurly, but made excellent cider - had few
to sell & not so great a quantity nor of so good a kind to save for winter
as usual. The young orchard produced about 147, C's orchard 75 - single
tree in pasture 11 - In all, the whole inclusive, amounted say to 460 bhls
Made for Dr Swift 40 bbls
, , Parsons 7-1/2 do
, , Bliss & hatter Clark,
I a piece 2
4 9 1/2 cider

Nov 1818 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th Early this morning rained heavily several hours - continued cloudy & thick all day -
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Settled with Col Merrill Capt D. eachna bbl of cider. at the latter place saw a singular piece of ingenuity called "The Magic Glass", which I cannot describe. Went to the P.O. Settled in full with Col Merrill & rec'd in cash ---#16.70 -
Called on & talked boldly with capt David - rec'd do 1.80

Had in my pocket 2.25
Rec'd of C. Cushman 1.00
\$21.75

Paid to S.Pickett\$17.00
, , U.M.Robinson to settle
with D.R.Jun 4.00
Bo't at Patchins' I g molasses
for 79" paid 00.75 \$21.75

Capt D. Was twice in town - the first time had some altercation with Capt D. who was all in a suds working in the dirt - refused to settle the Factory debt - he paid me punctually for the cheese as above - & I, to be even with him, put money in U.M.'s hands as may be seen to settle for me. Reckoned thus :- Original demand\$8.33
Interest for 3 years 1.50
9.83

Paid - last Summer 6.00
Due 3.83

Congressmen Mr L.Dewey paid us a visit & had an ax-helve. At Cushman's this eve'g saw Mr Palmer, Mr M.Richards & I suppose Mr Crafts, Members of Congress from Vermont, at Cushmans' - also Mr Silas

Nov 1818 Hawse from Boston in the stage - bro't news of the destruction by fire
290 of the Exchange Coffee House, of which the bare frame & wall were estimated at 500,000 D's. Mrs Hunt, formerly Mrs Louisa French, was a passenger, on a visit here I presume. Saw uncle S. and cousin S.Robinson Jr
Boston the latter late from Fredonia, N.Y. in health - Among others at Cushman's there was James Angell with whom I was acquainted at Burlington
Coffee House burnt James Angel & Plattsburgh in 1812.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 8th., Rough & cloudy, not very cold - wind N.W. Haven read over most of the reign of Ed. VI & the beginning of that of Bloody Mary - walked at night with friend Montague & L.Norton's - conversed some on history & other more every-day subjects - consulted respecting the school - proposed that a meeting should be called at the school-house - Wednesday - next - Saw young company there - A. Booth appeared to be the only beau - Spent a part of the eve at capt N's - J. Jun was preparing to go to Troy - said they understood rye was going at \$1 pr bhl. J.Rogers this day P.M. car'd home Miss Watson in the big waggon. p. 284

Manure MONDAY, NOV. 9th., Snow on the mountains, blue cloudy & windy N.W. Begzn getting out manure - had Brown's slow, ill-going oxen which plagued me much. L.Downs came down to see if we would make his cider - agreed to do it at the end of the week. Hinman made cider here. Verbally settled all accounts with Mr Blazedell this morning.

Nov. 1818 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th Frosty & chilly in the morning - P.M. mild,
291 cloudy & smoky. Same business continued - had none but our own team. Mr Hinman finished grinding his apples - Mr Visit at Brown gallanted aunt Stone, Mrs Street & mother to town-street on a visiting party. Melissa & Lydia followed on foot P.M. Our Adeline was very Dewey's very sick all the night past - much better in the course of the day.

About 7 in the eve'g a blind-man who had recently lost his sight by Blind man disease drove up in a one-horse waggon with a little girl ten years of age to wait upon him - requested to tarry all night - we readily gave daughter consent. The little girl exhibited a paper signed by a Justice and Selectman of Pittsfield, Vermont, setting forth the man's misfortune & his indigence, soliciting aid from all those who would wish to assist in restoring his sight. He was on his way to New Haven, C't to see the celebrated Dr Smith of that place. Winsor Thayer was the name of this gentleman, Amcunda that of his daughter.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th Prosperous weather - smoky & cloudy, very smoky in the evening - the moon entirely obscured tho' near the full - Work continued the same. At night attended a thin school-meeting - present old Mr Loomis, W.Green, E.Fay Jun & L.Norton - Concluded to meet again Thursday week - Made some music at Company friend L.N's - Saw the 1st Vol of Smollet. The up-and-down-Towners had a party here this eve'g. The teeth ache bothered me abominably.

Nov. 1818 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th Snowed slightly - in the A.M. - mild & smoky P.
292 M. Completed carting manure, 48 loads on to the W. side the plough-field W. of the barn - partly banked the house Finished with tan. Mr Parsons and Mrs Street here this evening. Rec'd of Darius carting Clark towards cheese three dollars & sixty cents pr Chauncey pd 285. manure On Wednesday buried in the Masonic Order the body of Mr Ira Sears Cash rec'd who died of a consumption on the 9th inst - a shoe-maker by occupation, Ira Sears aged between 40 & 50. Many people attended the funeral. Mr M.preached. funeral.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th., Smoky, cloudy & dry - whiffling chilly winds, Threshed a quantity of rye A.M., 2 bbls were sold to Mr Hinman at 75" - Mr H. had now about completed making his cider here of which in the whole he had made 38 bbls. We finished house-banking. L.Downs sent on his apples by his cousin, young Greenwood. This eve'g read most of the reign of Bloody Mary.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th Some smoky & warm - wind S. Made cider for L. Cider made for L.Downs eve'g rode to town with Sarah, who at Pickett's bo't a pair of mor. Apples to shoes for \$1.25" \$1.50 on book. Gave up the note mentioned p. 285 to D. E.Waters Clark - went to mill - Left at Waters' 4-1/2 bbls sweet apples. Chauncey ground bark at Conklin's, had 25" in cash.

Nov 1818 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th Wind S. extremely mild - very warm at night,
293 when the wind changed into the W. & partly N.W.
Cloudy & smoky. About wound up reading the 2d V of Hume. In the eve-
ning visited friend L. Norton where I read about 20 ps in the 1st of Smol
Hume let concerning the administration of Sir Robert Walpole from about 1730
D. Rogers to 1733. Mr Dan'l Rogers Jun'r came there & transacted some private
Jr business with my friend. Sally Loomis had, on the 8th or 11th badly
S. Loomis scalded her feet - was now getting better.

Gen'l R's MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th Cloudy, - mild - flying clouds - wind N.W.
cider Made cider for Gen'l Robinson - ground 108 1/2
Grant bbls apples - We had made about 8 bbls for friend Downs - On Sunday, Mr
married Grant, shoemaker, was published to Miss Rachel Downs - both of this town

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th Much cooler than the 16th tho' still in a degree
pleasant - harsh gust from N.W. broken flying
cl'ds - Gen'l R's cider occupied our attention in part - at length fin-
ished husking corn - See p.300. J. Rogers who had now by free consent
Corn quitted Mr. P. commenced a job of shoe-making here. Sent Chauncey with
School a letter to Lorenzo Fassett, white Creek, N.Y. soliciting him to take
affairs our school, but without success - did not wish to engage at all.
M. Street Melissa S. went to Algiers. Our ladies visited Mrs Waters.

Nov 1818 returned with the 3d Vol of Hume in which there is a splendid represen-
294 tation of Queen Elizabeth - in the evening we pared apples.
Made Chauncey read of Elizabeth in Guthrie. Mr Peters a venerable
Hume V.3 basket maker of Pownal near Williamstown line, formerly from Rhode Island
Peters tarried here all night - appeared to be a cripple.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th Rather dark, thick & smoky in the A.M.,
Snow about noon it gradually commenced snowing
- continued slowly till night - it was light & amounted to nothing but a
Gen Robin mere flurry - not attended with cold - came from S.W.
sons cider From about 108 bushels, large measure, of gen Robinson's apples we
had extracted rising of 44 bbls of cider. This day ground 23 1/2 bushels
Blazedell of the same kind of fruit for Mr Blazedell & put the pumice under the
do. screws - intending it for the closing job, the present season. Paring
J. Rogers apples prevented my reading at night. Jonathan Rogers this day became
of age twenty-one years of age - came to live with friend Parsons, of whom he
learned his trade, on the 10th of Oct. 1812.
Cummings There was an Exhibition at Cummings' School, Algiers, - none but
Exhibition Chauncey attended from here. S.H. Brown, E. Swift, & J.S. Robinson, prin-
cipal performers.
Parsons had 3 pieces of birch scantling from us to repair his old
front stairs - outside of his house. P.206.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th Snowy & dreary - not very cold. Threshed corn
& oats. At night read of Elizabeth & Mary in
Hume. Mother very ill.

Nov 1818 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th Blue, but not extremely cold - wind & flying
295 clouds fr N.W. Father waited upon aunt Stone to
Hoosick Falls - tarried all night - She had been at our house more than
Mrs R. 2 months. My main employment was to cart dirt from under and near the
Stone N.yard gate into the Wl lane where the ground was low. Dr Swift visited
carried mother who was getting bdter. In the evening read more respecting
to Hoo'ck Elizabeth & Mary.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st Wind S. very chilly in the A.M. P.M.mild, cldy
Eve-späuts - Made a bolt to a gate. P.M. eve-späuts at
the barn were regulated & raised. Father made good his return.
J.Rogers had made a good weeks work here.

Waters & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22d Dark, mild & cloudy. Busy with the pen.
Montgomery Waters & Montague came down & made calculations
about buildong a house next season. Spent the eve'g chiefly at L.Nor-
ton's - having with me the 3d V. of Hume in which I read during the
visit. J.Loomis & his sister C. were likewise there. Jonathan accompa-
nied ~~wit~~ me in this walk and agreed with friend J. & capt N. to do their
shoe-making. Looked likely to rain considerably at 10 thas eve'g.

High MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd Warm & extremely smoky till early in the ev'g.
wind the wind then veered about N.W. - blew violent-
Stove recdly - smoke passed off succeeded by flying clouds & star-light. Jonathan
of Cap N. received Capt Norton's stove attached to the still in At-

Nov 1818 wood's day - they said he might have it this winter free of rent. Late
296 P.M. rode to mill carrying with me Sarah & 'Dama who sold 24- lbs cheese
to Mr Wallace at 0/6 - received pay in crockery - Carried to D.Clark
Wallace ~~at~~ 50elbs butter at 1/0 - cash in a few days.

store At the mill they had been repairing damages - coming from thence to
Butter the meeting house had a gentleman passenger - a stranger lately settled
sold to in Algiers - Conversed but little with him - At home perused Home - In
D.Clark 1582 if I rightly recollect Elizabeth gave great evidence of her dislike
Queen to a single life - narrowly escaped falling into a snare set by the
Eliza'th Court of France in the person of the Duke of Anjou, brother to the F.
king.

Error I must amend an expression which inadvertently escaped my pen, p.28
corrected 287. I was under some little apprehension at the time Capt D. mentioned
the Factory debt, in supposing the turn with Col Merrill had settled it,
but it will plainly appear that my senses had returned when I empowered
cousin Uel to settle for me as at p. 289

TUESDAY, November 24th., Cold - wind harsh from N.W. - dlying clouds.
Winter The winter apples of which there were perhaps 23
apples bhls were carried into the cellar, Fences which had been blown down
Fences. by the last night's violent were mostly put up.
Friend Erastus set up Jona's stove at the house opposite.

Nov 1818 Read Hume this evening respecting the trial & execution of Mary Queen of
297 Scots - a melancholy transaction indeed. Elizabeth's dissimulation was foolish & unbounded in this affair. Tho' she in many partz of her conduct seemed to possess abilities superior to the generality of the sex, yet did she in other points give way to all the meaner passions which Q.Eliz'h are unhappily sometimes harbored in the breasts of the fair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th Pretty cold in the morning, but grew warmer towards noon - P.M. became cloudy & chilly - wind S. Evening it rained. Assisted in picking up remnant wood in Parson's Rogers wood lot for friend Jonathan - 2 sled loads - P. having granted permission. Father built & repaired fences about home, mended some places that had a long time been damaged about the horse-barn. Read of the Singing Spanish Armada this night. M. Street had returned from Algiers. Damia school returned from singing-school with Lydia Norton.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th A remarkably dark, smoky day more particularly Dark day about 2 O'clock P.M. - the darkness of the Downs & night even succeeded that of the day. It will be rendered memorable in Keyes this town by the death of Mr Jesse Downs & Mr Seth Keyes, the latter of drowned Pownal, who were returning home in a waggon about 8 in the evening; they accidentally ran off the W. bank of Safford's mill pond into the water and miserably perished, tho' assistance was soon rallied. A boy, son of Mr N. Ripley, who hap-

Nov 1818 pened to be driver, narrowly escaped a watry grave. Both horses died,
298 which as well as the waggon belonged to Mr D.
Was employed ourselves in removing fence from the line back of the rocks to S. side of the wheat-field where a fence was erected.
Read more of Elizabeth's reign.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th Snowed good part of the day - not cold. Finish Fencing ed fencing the wheat field. Choared the remainder of the day. Evening read to the end of Q. Elizabeth - whose end was Elizabeth singular & tranquil, Tho' bot violent

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th Cloudy, mild & muddy - Snowed slightly. Performed no business of importance other than providing hooks to fasten back two great gates. Father & Erastus attended Gate-hooks. Mr Downs funeral at the Academy - His remains were interred on his own farm at a place selected by himself some years since. He was aged 49 Downs & years, and kept a widow & 9 children. I visited town at night - Saw Keys Capt D. who apologized for his rough address to me as at p. 287, 289. - Cash pd told him I only desired peace - should forget & forgive. Swift's store Left with N. Edgerton at Swift's store \$2. in bills. Bought an J.Rogers acc't book for J. Rogers for 50" - payable in his work. Cousin S. Robinson Jun tarried here this night.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th Cloudy & a-chilly - wind N.W. In the eve'g S. Robinson Jr attended a school-meeting at Maj L. Norton's accompa'd by Hinman, Parsons & E. Montague - Nothing conclusive took place.

Nov 1818 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th High, cold, N.W. wind - ground frozen in the morn
299 ing. Worked with E. Montague on the Atwood Ston
hill, digging stone for filling his limekiln. Father choared at home.
Digging M & Rogers visited town at night - returned with the President's Message
stone for - delivered on the 17th. Mr B. this morning started from our neighbor-
Montague. hood this morning with a load of onions for market in a double waggon,
Onion ex- hired of us. My evening employ was the funeral-of perusal of Hume in
pedition King James who on every account was not so bad a character.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st., Cold high S. wind - Snowed some afterpart of t
Cider mill the day. The cider mill was taken up, and oth
Edward er concerns of a like nature looked after. In the evening per order
Savage delivered \$20.00" in bills to Edward Savage on E. Montague's acc't,
hires from his own money.
money.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd Pretty cold - flying clouds, pleas't P.M. wind
N. No business of importance going on.
L. Downs Attended to matters in town - called at L. Downs' - he & his lady appear
ed happy - D. sent us in full \$2.00 for making cider - Mrs B. paid us
Pickett for waggon-hire & oats \$1.23" - Paid to Pickett \$20.00 which was rec'd
of Parsons towards pork. OnnMonday eve'g general Robinson at my sug-
Genl Rob- gestion said he would endorse \$3.50 on a note given him in Oct. 1818 -
inson. This endorsement was towards making cider - answering for it in full.

Dec 1818 At page 272 a reference is made respecting potatoes - The present sea-
300 son the yield was light - in size good.
Corn & As to corn it was hard and of excellent quality, had about
Potatoes bushels on 2 acres.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd Thanksgiving. Mr Hinman & lady, friend Par-
sons & lady were at my table. Mrs Street, M.
Thanksgiving Street, Mr Sam'l C. Brown, E. Montague & J. Rogers were at my fathers -
Very cold - tolerably free from clouds. H. Dimmick here forepart of the
evening - in good spirits. Girls attended singing school.
Marriages Several marriages took place this eve'g - Mr Reuel Harvey to Miss
Pamelia Thayer - Mr Harry Walbridge to Miss Betsey Faxon - Mr Joseph
Crawford to Miss Sally Davis, Mr John Davis to Miss Phoebe Magoon.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th Cold in the A.M. P.M. mild & pleasant.
Tour to Rode to Hoosick to see Mr Obadiah Richmond, by
Hoosick inquiry learned the way tho' it was very crooked leading by Mr Dan'l
C. Rogers. Mr R. was not at home - met his lady, a young, healthy,
neat, snug-looking person, on her way to one of her neighbor's for an
P.M. visit - Made known the object of my mission - talked of cooking
stoves to which she seemed averse.

She informed me that Mr R. expected to work at Lenox in the fur-
nace a fortnight longer, at the end of which he would return - Left
word that I would buy a stove.

DEC 1818 This was my principal business this day. Father paid to S. Pick-
301 ett on note, \$18.00 - sixteen of which and 28 cents were paid us by
Mrs Blazedell towards a cow sold to her on the 2d inst at \$21.00 -
Cow sold the remainder, \$4.72 was answered by Mr Brown, being charged to him
towards paying interest on those notes held by him against us.
Money The reason why this turn was made, Mr B. had bo't a hog of Mrs B
matters at \$6.50. The cow in question was a small black creature, giving a
good mess of milk & having evidence of yet making an excellent one.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th Mild - wind S.- cloudy - signs of an approach
ing storm. Accompanied E. Montague to Capt
Norton's. Luman^d not being at home, returned and assisted friend
Jonathan in cutting up & carrying in his wood within his shop-room.
Visit at Father & the ladies, exclusive of mother who was unwell visited Mr S.
Scotts Scott & family - their visit was a very agreeable one - Mrs S. & her
daughter M. were of the party. Mother had a severe attack in the eve &
Eve'g of the rheumatic kind.
Flute paid Paid to Mr S. Brown for a good German flute \$4.50 - of which \$2.00
for. were borrowed of E. Montague - P. 283.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th., A very high S.E. wind with wind prevailed
this morning and great part of the day -
moderated towards night. Mother had been extremely ill all night -
Dr S. was sent for - by whose assistance she became easier. Finished
a letter to Lieut M. Scott - informing of his hound, Fanny (his

Dec 1818 mare) - the good health of friends & acquaintances, late marriages,
302 deaths, &c. - Requested a reply.

Butcher- MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th., Cold & dry - squally - wind N.W. Our swine
ing. were butchered this day - H. Dimmick & E.
Dimmick Montague assisted - 4 that were kept in the pen collectively weighed
Lbs 1037 - the heaviest weighing 303 lbs. A sow fatted in the barn
Pork where she had been confined ever since June - was sold to Mr Parsons
sold at \$8.00 per hund. - weighed lbs ~~300~~ 311 - received for her in cash
\$24.88

Journey THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th On the 8th being cloudy & chilly started in
to Lenox a waggon to go to Lenox to buy a stove -
about mid-day called at Dr Porter's S. and of W'mstown - found them
in good health - received me in a very friendly manner - About 1/2
past 1 P.M. started for Pittsfield where I arrived soon after sunset
- Cousin Harry T. appeared very glad to see me - treated me with
great hospitality.

Spent most of the evening at Dr Wright's Office - The Dr asked
a great many questions respecting the people of Bennington, most of
which I answered satisfactorily - marriages were the principal objects
in view.

Dec 9th went to Lenox Furnace & bought a cooking stove, C. Hoxie's
patent, for \$37. When too late found that I could have traded cheaper
by going to the workmen in the furnace who would have taken \$35.

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Saw there Mr Richmond of Hoosick and my friend G. Godfrey - the latter appeared much pleased to see me - was quite sorry I had not traded with him, indeed I considered my bargain so bad that it spoiled all my pleasure and caused me to act rather foolish - how foolish I shall not write. It took them a good while to set up the thing so that I had only time to get back to Pittsfield where my cousin once more entertained me in a pleasing manner.

Mrs Turner, a neighboring lady came over, to see Mrs Taylor - I went over to get Mr T's flute - heard him play some - he was seated by one of the Lenox-stoves apparently contented - an elderly gentleman of the neighborhood was his guest - Returned with the flute - played for the ladies -

Towards 9 cousin H. came home, had attended Mr Colt's wedding who was married to a Miss Campbell. Cousin H. and I discoursed on the common occurrences of life awhile & then retired.

Dec 10th was up early and should have had a cheerful start, cousin T. being so very kind as to assist in every material point, had I not discovered that my leather mittens were lost - this caused no small teasing - however told my kinsmen that if he'd send me a good pair - I would send him a cheese - Wrote a line to friend Godfrey at the furnace to inquire about my mittens - about 5 took my departure - at 10 arrived at Dr P's - here they received me again

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with all due respect - Dr P. & Mrs P. viewed the new stove & compared it with their own which was on the same plan but differently made - liked it rather better than the latter. From this place I came by the meeting house road which is much the hilliest compared to the College way - and reached home before sundown, found all in usual health.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th., Cold, snowed slightly - wind N.E, No business of note was transacted - They liked the stove. Friend Erastus arrived from town at night.

Price of
bricks
Stove set
up

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th Very cold - wind N.W. Bo't at Capt Nofton's 130 bricks at \$1.00 pr hund & 1 bushel lime at the lime-kiln for setting up the stove, which was effected by friend Erastus. In town had a pair of iron legs & a handy hook for the stove made by Col Norton.

Bo't at Lenox on the 10th a small shop stove for \$4.75

Bliss
Marriage of
W.Smith

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th Cold & fair. Read but little - Mr Bliss paid me a short visit P.M. Wm Smith was published to Miss Ruth Bushnell.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th Chilling blasts from N.W. - cldy. Threshed 15 bushels corn - winnowed in the fanning mill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th Chilly - wind S. in P.M. Threshed rye.

Dec 1818 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th Very cold morning - cold & dry all day.
 305 Winnowed 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ bbls good rye. Chauncey commenced going to school to Miss C. Norton. Girls visited at capt Squire's. School Sal Connelley put up here for night. Mr Hinman & friend Parsons came to see me this evening - I perused Hume dryly.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th The 17th., 18th & this day uniformly dry and very cold - wind W. or N.W. - a very slight scattering of snow lay on the ground. On Thursday brought in the rye that had been threshed - Friday and Saturday employed in treading out spring-wheat with five horses. Corn fodder all gone - Basswood yet on hand - Set down accounts for Jonathan at night - His charges the present week amounted to \$10.00 - had taken G. Hinman as an apprentice on MONDAY the 14th inst - proved a good boy.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th Fair & comparatively mild, tho' frosty in the morning - wind S. Read Hume concerning Earl Strafford & others in 1640 & 41.

Bliss & Clark paid us a short visit. Mr Brown came here in the evening. Jonathan was agitated a little with the idea

Dec 1818 of going into friend Waters' shop - meant to take time to consider the
 306 matter.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st Mild & fair, - wind S. rain expected.
 Barn Prepared grain for winnowing. Measured the shadow of the barn a little past 12 - found it 14-1/2 paces in length measured Continued reading Charles' unfortunate reign - the rebellion of the Irish in 1641.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd Mild in the morning, but very cold ere night.
 Spring We winnowed & measured all the summer-wheat wheat we had - there being 30-1/2 bushels. Early in the eve'g with J. Rogers rode to Algiers & to Pickett's executing various errands - 63 lbs cheese carried to E. Waters - 50-1/2 lbs do to Pickett's. 14-1/2 do left with Cheese 10 lbs butter at J. Norton's. I. Wood rode down from Pickett's with us - came up to view our Lenox stove, liked it.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th On the 23rd fair, dry & cold - Little else was done than doing errands & attending the Co. Court.

Cash Rec'd from C. Cushman & H. H. Fassett in full for cider \$18.00
 affairs a-piece, \$1.00 towards butter from D. Clark, and taking back what was deposited with cousin Uel p. 289 out of which a few cents only were made use of to enable us to take up the note given to S. Pickett Oct. 2nd., being \$105.63 - on which there was paid exceeding \$1.00 interest.

Dec 1818 24th Pleasant, not very cold - Threshed out the barley wheat of which
307 there was only about 2 bbls from 1/8 of an acre.

25th Pleasant Christmas - went to mill & spent most of the P.M. in
Cash pd town. Paid \$1.00 to Nathan Weeks to hand over to Erastus Young toward
N. Weeks uncle Asa's riding in the stage from Wadsworth's to Bennington in July
Present last - took a receipt specifying the same. Received a letter accompany
from ing a handsome present from cousin H. Taylor of Pittsfield, consisting of
N. Taylor a pair of leathern mittens lost where which he said he found next morn-
ing after my departure - the thumbs pointing N. - with these he forward
ed a pair of good new ones, which although beyond very far what I re-
quested I thankfully received intending to reward him as suggested p.
303.

Meeting This day, 26th., drew from Capt Norton's 150 bricks & 1-1/2 bbls
house lime to the meeting house where E. Montague built a short stove chim-
stove ney - the stove was set up on a high box level with the top railing of
the pews - the pipe standing perpendicular - after its completion fire
was kindled in the stove and operated well - Glass was put into broken
windows, all which was accomplished chiefly by S. Hindsdell, E. Waters,
S. Hathaway Sen - N. Dexter, S. Bingham, J. Nichols, & others.

Beef At home uncle S. Robinson assisted by father butchered a 2 years
old heifer weighing 570 lbs & at night in a masterly manner sawed her
Factory in pieces. On Friday left in Capt D. Robinson's hands \$4.00 in cash
money towards factory debt. Bo't Vt Register 1819 of Wm Haswell - Psalm book
Books bo't of do this day, both of them amounting to \$1.00 - charged.

DEC 1818 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th., Very cold - wind N.W. - more mild at night.
308 Read Hume in the evening, 4th Vol nearly to
the period of Charles' execution in 1649. Rogers went to Hoosick -
Hume V.4 found them in health.

Labor for MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 Mild, dry & pleasant - cloudy P.M. Worked for
Montague at friend Montague at Dr Swift's - threshed 3-1/4
Dr Swifts bbls winter wheat which was of good quality, 4 bbls of water was bro't
from the old furnace brook beyond the Gov Robinson place - removed a
considerable quantity of hay from a stack into the S. barn floor.

State of In the eve'g read Charles' unhappy end.
woodpile Basswood all consumed about the 25th P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 Twenty-ninth in the morning there fell a lit-
tle flurry of snow - chilly - wind S.W.

Snow Father & I rode in the waggon on peculiar business to Smith's & Loomis'
- at the latter place obtained the prize & returned home. Mr L. & sons
were winnowing rye in the old fanning-mill.

Near night, accompanied by Rogers, went to mill - had the
wood saw filed by E. Waters. Began burying the hard-wood pile - p.177.

30th employed in threshing oats - mild - slight snow.
Cut wood at night for a poor woman.

School 31st quite rainy - wind high from S. Threshed oats again -
affairs no school these 2 days - Miss N. ill.

Leather A bargain with friend Parsons was made for leather - 30 lbs
bo't of seal leather was received for lbs 66 hide & 2 bbls spring wheat.
Parsons

Jan 1819 FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st Since the rain the day preceding the weather re-
309 markably smooth & hard.

School An errand of a particular nature occasioned by going to Mr Loomis' this
ceases morning and on the way learned without being informed of the cause that
Miss N. would teach the school no longer. Thus far she had prospered
in the undertaking and pleased her employers in every respect - the
school had increased to 30 scholars and a fond hope was entertained that
we should have a full, cheap & well taught school the present season.
Of this, however, as is often the case in human affairs every one was dis-
appointed. Returning home Mr L's called on friend L. N. in his shop who
C. Norton informed me that last evening "Our School Mistress" was married to Mr
married Ward Barney, Meadville, Pa., to which place he had immediately proceeded
on his return early this morning unaccompanied by his Lady. I was con-
siderably surprised, but soon recovered, & talked of the school & other
affairs. With the above personages I am well acquainted, having spent
many a happy day with them in school, particularly under the tuition of
H. A. Fay where it is supposed they conceived a passion for each other,
no longer since than 1802, 1803-4.

Various causes, best known to them, prevented the consumation of
their wishes till this time - we wish them much joy. The bridegroom had
entered his 32d - the bridg had almost entered her 31st year.

If Mrs B. Should leave our neighborhood the universal respect in
which she has ever been held on account of the amiableness of her disposi-
tion, the possession of many other virtues as well

Jan 1819 as her literary achievements, would make her absence long & deeply be la-
310 mented. The marriages of our old playmates ought I think to demand more
than ordinary atgention, because in many instances it breaks off all for-
mer connexions - removing persons to a great distance from each other -
and even when settled in their native places their circle of acquaintance
at least intimate is corcumscribed within narrow limits, as perhaps many
have remarked. Domestic society is of all others the sweetest where any-
thing like unity prevails.

Oats We finished threshing oats - spent a little time with friend E. Wa-
Waters, ters & lady, uncle S. Robinson and aunt S. Mrs W's child was ill.
Robinson
& ladies

Cash rec'd SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd Dry, not very cold, flying clouds. 45 bbls of
of D. Clark Besides \$7.00 in money received pr C. Stone, Dec 30th now rec'd the
amount in writ'g paper in full of D. Clark for 50 lbs butter.

Fault- Betrayed some folly in repeating a circumstance through forgetful-
finding. ness, before, well known to my friends in the office in a laughing way -
The affair was of no weight any way - on reflection I thought how flat
it made me appear - rather, I hope, exceeding reality.

Hume had now introduced me to R. Cromwell - a good but not great man

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd Cold & dry as above - Perused Hume - compleated
reading 216 pages.

Jan 1819 MONDAY, JANUARY 4th Dry, cloudy & cold - wind N.W. Thrashed rye.
311 G. House visited here this eve'g. On taking up
one of my old Journals I regretted very much that I had not mixed more
with my companions in former days and noted down the outlines of those
little transactions which then happened. It would assist my memory
greatly in recalling past scenes and, besides, tho' in themselves unim-
portant, would give, in many instances the most exquisite satisfaction.
At no later period in life than that to which I am now advanced, on
looking around I find my youthful friends are some of them in eternity,
while others have removed to distant places, from which information rarely
comes. Suppose I give a list of such as are near my age of both sexes
viz:
John Norton, Jun - At his fathers, hath a wife & 2 children.
Elisha & Luther Smith, both married in Attica, N.Y.
Jo House Jun - Bachelor in Boston.
G. House & his sister Lydia, unmarried - at home.
Levi Jewett - on the old Scott place, wife & 2 children.
Eunice &

Jan 1819 Lydia J., unmarried at home.
312 Betsey Loomis, well married off in Hoosick, N.Y. to D. Rogers, Jun
Clarissa, her sister, single at home but doing well. I had the hon-
or in 1802 in speaking a dialogue with her, called
"Sir Charles & Lady Racket" -
Daniel Chamberlin, married to a Miss Scovil, removed to Choconut or
thereabouts, Pa.
C.J. Bowdish, wedded in 1814 to Ruth Smith residing in Weybridge, Vt
J. Tryphooy Jewett married to Brewster, living in the W. part of Ben-
nington.
Nabby Chamberlin - was married and removed to the place where her
brother went, husbands name was B. Scovil, but she has paid
the debt of nature.
SUKEY Dewey tragically breathed her last in Capt Hills ball-room -
August 6th., 1810.
Betsey D., now Mrs Palmer, residing in Shaftsbury, Vt.
Laura D. well married to a Mr Paddock somewhere in the central part
of N.Y. state.
Lucretia & Laura Norton, both very agreeably settled in life; the
former in Bennington, the latter in Arlington, Vt., having
families - their eldest sister is mentioned at p. 309
Jerusha Fay - decently wedded living at Enosburg or in that vicinity
Jesse Loomis Jun - single in Wilmington Vt
L. Harwood & M. Street, both

Jan 1819 single and now under this roof

313 Persis Smith in 1815 became the consort of J. Norton, Jun
Pomeroy S. - married, has a fine boy, lives on his father's old
farm and is administrator on his estate.

Sophia Waters, honorably leads a single life at her friend B. Hills'
Arlington, whose lady & she having formed a great intimacy in
their neighborhood when young, they still cheerfully cherish it
This is all the ground I choose to march over at present - more per-
haps at another time.

Deat of Oliver Harwood Died on Monday, Dece. 28th 1818 Mr Oliver Harwood of Rupert aged 41
years, son of Mr Z. Harwood, the only surviving uncle of my father.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th., A severe morning, but fine, mild day.
Gen Rob- Pursued thrashing. Gen Robinson having ended a
inson & jaunt about that part of his woodland which is bounded E. & N. by Mr Brown
his ven- Brown's farm, came leading his horse into our cow-yard and began talking
due deed with us respecting the lines of lots &c. & among ~~the~~ other things inform-
ed us that he held a Vendue Deed of about 20 acres of the N.W. part of
this farm given him by Jona Wentworth at public sale for a cent tax. If
we could find a receipt from s'd W. showing that we had paid the tax

Jan 1819 his Deed would be of no avail. In the evening we hunted in vain among
314 our papers to find the receipt.

J. Wentworth died the spring of 1807 and without access to his pa-
pees it would be impossible to make appear that the tax had been paid of
which however we have not the least doubt, as every land tax was known
to my father & every part of the farm carefully included in the tax-bill.

Wentworth was for several years first Constable & Clerk & Collector
in this town.

This evening M. Street and sister D. went to Mr A. Robinson's to
watch with his son William.

Sickness Mr C. Wright & his little son, Miss P. Watkins & Wm Robinson were
in town sick with the long-fever - a few other cases were depending in that part
Rye sold of the town.

to D Weeks \$11.00 in town orders were rec'd of Mr D. Weeks in advance for 12
bbls rye.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th The 6th was snowy, but amounted to nothing more
than a flurry - 7th cloudy & very cold towards
evening. 8th snug weather, hazy, looked likely for snow
9th mild, cloudy - wind S.
We had now finished threshing rye.
Sold 4 bbls of the same to Stephen Harwood on the 7th
On the 6th Mother was taken very ill, but Dr Swift

Jan 1819 315 being called assisted her so materially that at this date her health was considerably restored.

Montague wounded Friend Erastus returned from Pownal, or rather from the neighborhood of Pown'1 pine woods with a wound in his foot caused by a blow from his axe on the 7th and on the 8th Mr Worthy Worthy & lady of Williamstown called a little while in the P.M.

Friend Jonathan prospered in his business - Mrs Street was here on a visit.

SUNDAY, JAN'7th - 10th Mild, thawy - wind S. - cloudy.

Visit at L.Nortons At evening visited friend L. Norton.

Read Bissett on the characters of the Earl of Chatham, David Hume and others.

Some geographical research was made in Morse & Guthrie.

School again Mr D. Love came there to see about taking the school, but Mr Fay having said something to Miss Eunice Jewett, friend N. thought he must first consult them on the subject, and went down accordingly;- returned with an answer that they had engaged Miss J. at 8/0 pr quart'r to begin next day. It was suggested that if this old maid should be taken off by marriage, we would immediately employ another of the fraternity in her stead and in like manner proceed by rotation through whole neighborhood.

C.Barney Mrs C. Barney & others were there - the former was this day thirty years of age.

Lent a file of Aurora's to Mr Bliss - treating of the Princess of Wales

Jan 1819 316 Sunday morning, Sally & 'Dama returned from watching the sick at Mr A. Robinson's who were doing tolerably well.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th On the 11th continued warm & muddy - this day fair & rather cold - wind N.W.

Rye - how did it yield On the former day 33 bushels & 1 peck rye was measured up, the last of our threshing this season - had from 9 acres about 130 bhls of that sort of grain.

Goods bo't At night rode with Montague & Rogers to town & bo't trimmings for a loose coat for \$1.40"-

Bo't of Swift 1 qt wine at the rate of \$1.50 pr gall - charged.

Papish plot Continued reading of the Papish Plot - Charles lld.

Jan'y 11th worked in the woods.

C. Stone Chauncey went to school to Miss E. Jewett.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th Mild, fair and a little hazy on the 13th 14th very cold - wind N.W.

Wood hauling Parsons 13th worked at splitting & hauling out oak wood. 14th being cold we made an attempt to settle with friend Parsons - visited Mr Brown - brought thence a young sheep belonging to us - drew up a quantity of apple-tree wood.

Cold This evening Erastus in spite of the cold, went to singing school at the Court house.

A little flurry of snow had fallen during last night.

Jan 1819 Jan'y 15th. a furious S. wind prevailed & a few hours in the P.M. it
317 snowed, but not enough to exceed 1-1/2 inches deep.

Account Thinking it too tedious to pursue business in the woods - we march
settled ed to town - settled accounts with Hiram Hull, saddler, whose charges
H. Hull in his line amounted to \$2.39", ours to \$1.86 - difference in favor of
H. \$00.53"

Goods Viewed the comb-maker in Waters' shop working at his trade - the
bought first that we had ever seen - thought him to be active - next we visi-
tied Col N's shop where they were shoeing oxen - then to Pickett's -
bought cotton handkerchiefs and waggoners knife to the value in the
whole of about 17/0.

Accounts Returned to Waters' shop - requested him to look over and settle
jumped accounts - He proposed jumping accounts, stating that he had not posted
with his books and did not know the am't of his charges against us - We had
Waters supposed that we should owe him, and therefore were hard to be persua-
ded that he was in earnest in making the offer - we said that it were
better to make a fair settlement, as our books stood fair, but he was
sanguine in pushing the affair that way - so we consented thereto with
the privilege of looking over the books hereafter and in Dexter's
apartment exchanged receipts in the usual form. Our account in full ,
included \$1.18" on old score, amounted to \$39.74"

Jan 1819 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 16th Mild & cloudy, thin snow.
318 Hauled out maple-wood E. & S.E. of the old
lime-kiln.

Montague Friend Erastus worked at plastering for uncle S. Robinson.
works We sent a bbl of cider to cousin Stephen Harwood, Jr pr Barnab's Wood,
again who, with Sol Lawrence had been drzwing dry wood from Parsons' woods
to his door.

Mrs B. & Mrs Bliss & Mrs Clark made an P.M. visit here, rode home with Wood
Mrs C. Mrs Street and Melissa on Friday went to J. Norton's visiting.
Melissa
Street.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 18th., Sunday, warm and pleasant, wind S.
Completed reading Hume in full and liked him
Hume well. Began this work on the 12th of August 1818.
finished Wrote a short letter accompanying a cheese presented cousin N.
Taylor, Pittsfield, by the hand of Buckley Squires' who was going to
Letter to Lenox Furnace to buy a bark-mill early this day (18th) Sent compli-
H. Taylor ments to the principal persons mentioned p. 303. Informed him that
here and at Waters' as to health we were much as usual - mother getting
better.

Eve'g Read Bigl'd on the History Holland, which is good, shewing
what industry & application can do, rightly managed.

This day it thawed fast, wind high from the S. - rained P.M. &
eve'g.

We cut down an old oak in thenwoods, drew down a load of stump-
wood to smoke hams with.

Erastus plast'd at uncle Sam's.

Jan 1819 Wm Smith lodged here with friend Rogers, it being so dar & rainy
319 as to render it difficult for him to get home. - came home to get some work done at R's shop.

Young The Young Man as we called our favorite bay horse, had received a
horse violent scratchy, in his left fore-leg, near the knee, by hitting it
wounded against the point of a nail; which at first threw us into some conster-
nation but we soon calmed down & concluded by proper treatment it would soon heal up.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 22d

Parsons
vats
covedred.

From Tuesday up to this eve'g it had continued thawy, cloudy & muddy, occasionally raining or hailing, or freezing a-nights, tho' this last happened only on Thursday. Our work was not extremely urgent; cut & xrew out wood from bad places - Worked for Parsons 2/3d of this day covering his vats - had to cut through the frozen tan-bark with axes - Mr Hinman assisted.

Friend Erastus went to his chopping near B. Woods on the 19th inst
Melissa Street returned this P.M. from Algiers, having finished off
Smollett a new great coat for me.

History of On the 19th commenced reading Smollett's History of England.
England.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 23d

Spring-like day indeed, too warm to work comfortably.

We labored hard without much profit at hauling out an old oak tree, of which 2 cuts had to abandon.

Jan 1819 SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th
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No material alteration in the weather, fair & muddy.

J. Rogers, this morning, set out, on horseback, for Branford, Conn/
Rogers Wrote letters to G. Smedley, Litchf'd & Mrs Waters, Stockbridge, -
journey nothing unusual in either.

Letters to Messrs Bliss & Clark paid me a visit - returned those papers men-
Smedley & tioned p. 315.

Mrs Waters

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 27th

Late in the day on the 24th a sudden change took place in the weath'r & by next morning, altho' in the night it had rained considerably, the surface of the ground was frozen dry - continued cloudy & frozen all day on the 25th.

In the morning of the 26th the wi'nd was violent & chilly from S.W. - gradually died away & became more mild - at night wind N.W. - some squally.

27th. Frozen hard in the morning, but fair & thawed on the surface much as it does in March.

Our work in the woods advznced slowly under many disadvantages it being among old oaks on sideling rocky places from which a quantity of that precious fuel was hauled forth. This day we launched 2 teams.- attempting to drive at drawing wood, but the ox-sled having seen hard service at one of the neighbors, it was found absolutely necessary to put in a new runner.

Smollett

Had now read in Smollett 252 pages.

Jan 1819 Tuesday, P.M. 26th., 'Dama went to Mr Scott's, Melissa to Dewey's
320 or some other place.

Visits. A short but very entertaining visit was rec'd from Mrs Duncan, who
Duncan. said, that in the tayloring business she had as much as she could possibly attend to.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 28th., In the morning the clouds ran low and looked
Great wind very angry - wind strong from N.W.; most of the
day it blew a hurricane, almost - fences fell before it like weeds.

Fire The same evening one of Erastus Young's chimneys took fire and
alarmed the whole street, but it was happily extinguished before any damage was sustained. Mr Y's residence was in the N. part of the brick house.

At night it became extremely cold. We were busied in repairing our sleds. All our stack hay was now consumed.

Jack Brown Jack Brown, a faithful servant, when young, of Mr S. Brown, bro't from Conn't some years ago - was now a public charge and put under the care of Mr Blazedell by the Selectmen - very low of a consumption. Mr Hinman's youngest child was dangerously ill.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 29th., A bitter cold morning - grew more mild in the P.M. - cold night - wind S. again.

Montague Friend Erastus dressed flax - father was busy at choars - I was in town -
H. Hull paid the balance due Hiram Hull (p.317) in cheese. Visited D.Clark's.

FEB'Y 1819 the P. Office, Pickett's, Col Norton's, Swift's store and E.
Turnup 322 Waters' shop - Most of the eve'g busy in cording up a turn-up
bedstead besstead, likewise with father visited poor Jack B. who they said tho't was a little better than he had been.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 30th., We expected a storm from the S.W. - the wind being strong from that quarter all the A.M.

P.M. there was a slight sprinkling of round rain - snow - wind changed to N.W. - cold at night -

Bare What time I was not engaged in tinkering at the bed-stead - assisted
ground in drawing wood - oxen & horses on the big sled - it was dry doings indeed - the friction was so great as almost to set fire to the runners.

J. Brown Mr Blazedell came over to ask our advice respecting our unfortunate colored friend whose symptoms were alarming - We visited him - found him extremely low. Mr Brown, Mr Kent, Mr Hinman, Mr Parsons, & Mr Champney likewise visited him - it was concluded that he could not continue long.

H. Waters H. Waters came home with E. Montague - the last entered his 25th year this day.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 1st., Sunday, 31st., was a fine day altho' pretty cold
This day was equally as fair & more mild - wd

N. Dry.

D D Conklin The former day was distinguished by the publish't of Mr Dan D.Conk-
publish'd ling to Miss Harriet Hubbell, both of this town.

Feb 1819 The latter, (after getting 2 loads wood drawn over the dry frozen
323 ground) by going to mill, getting oxen shod at Col Norton's & receiving
New a new one-horse harness at Hicks' - made by John H. for Rogers whose
harness work they receive in payment except buckles & trimmings for which we
Oxen shod advance them \$2.00 - We furnished leather and pay for the making \$....
to J. Rogers in the way of deal.

Previous to our oxen being shod at Col Norton's a yoke had just
been served in the same way for John Mores of Fredonia, N. Y.

Mr West had arrived in town - P.281 -

Adams' Had lately read Sec't Adams' Letter to the Spanish Gov't and Gov
letter Clinton's speech to the Legislature of N. York at their last session
or rather present session - both are excellent of their kind.

Mr A. writes like a true friend of his country - Perhaps the hon-
ble John Marshall of Virginia would hardly approve of his plain lan-
guage to mother Britian, nevertheless I believe it is no more plain
than true. Perhaps hereafter B. agents will be a little more cautious
what company they are found associated with.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 2d

Very mild and some part of the day fine.

Mrs Father & Lydia rode to Hoosick - had horses
R.Stone shod at capt Bishops' - bro't home aunt R.Stone - All in health at the
Riley's falls. I went to D's mill - tried in vain to fix for Troy next day.
Narrative Eve'g read Riley's Narrative.

Feb 1819 SATURDAY, FEB'Y 6th
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Feb 2d was mild & fair - 3d quite warm & some
cloudy - 4th continued mild - heat increased

Mild towards night so that it thawed up the roads & ice in the streams pret-
weather ty fast, like wahtnhappens many days towards the close of March - 5th a
great change occurred, the cold was very sensibly felt and it grew more
& more intense till mid-day - after which till towards 4 P.M. seemed
more mild, but in the eve'g it became quite severe but pleas't - 6th

Weeks rye fine ' mild - wind N. - Wednesday - 11 bhls rye sold Jan'y ...to Mr D.
Weeks was conveyed by father to him. I performed some chopping in the
Troy expe woods. Thursday went by way of Lansingburgh to Troy - sold 15 bhls rye
dition to Mr Jacob Merritt - it weighed 4 bhls 29 lbs, at 6/6 pr bhl - rec'd in
cash # \$11.77 - called for lodging &c at Maxons - found the house pretty
full - among the rest uncle S. & cousin S. Robinson. Spent most of the
eve'g transacting business. Bo't of R.P.Hart 5 bhls coarse salt at 7/6
1-1/2 do fine at 6/6 - 6 lbs H.S.tea at 6/0 & 28 lbs b. sugr, all
which amounted to \$14.49 - paid cash down - Bo't 2 gals Molasses of
Brintnall, opposite to Hart's, at 5/6 - paid him in full \$1.37 1/2
making the whole amount to\$15.86-1/2
For expences 00.66

\$16.52 1/2

Cash furnished by Parsons to buy salt 1.25

See p. 325 -

15.27-1/2

At Max's this eve'g much was said about horse-racing between

Feb 1819 a certain Mr Parsons & Mr Piercy, but not taking great interest in the
325 affair - shall say no more of it. Feb'y 5th loaded my stuff ready to
depart, having on board 1 bbl of beer for uncle S. to bring to H.Fassett
- waited sometime for the former, but it being late, left him & arrived
in town between 7 & 8 in the eve'g, which was pleas't by reason of more
light. Travelling, none of the way, good, pretty rough, from McEowens'
to 4 corners. By this time we had got up a pretty decent little wood-
pile - about 1/4 of our supply - this day drew 3 loads from the rough-
est part, or nearly so, of the wood lot. Erastus worked most of this

Feb 1819 week at Hinman's. In casting up my expences on the opposite page a
325 trivial mistake was committed - the molasses came to 11/6 or \$1.44" which makes it all amount to \$15.34"

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 7th Mild and dry, hazy - wind S.W. - Read a few pages
Newspapers in Smollett's - Collected & placed away a large par
D.L.Conk- cel of newspapers. Dan'l D. Conklin was married to Miss Harriet H. Hub-
lin bell on the eve'g of Feb'y 4th. This eve'g young folks being absent at
married. singing school, read Riley.
Riley.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 8th Cloudy, rainy, considerably muddy - wind S. strong.
Horse- Accomp'd by Montague visited town - he saw a little
race. horse race - I did errands & sauntered on the hill. We sold, delivered
& rec'd in cash \$5.00 for 2 bhls & 1/2 spring wheat, of which I went to
Mother widow gov. Robinson, the other to Wm Haswell - This eve'g mother was
ill. dangerously ill - Dr S. was called, gave her a puke, which by morning
relieved her.

Feb 1819 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th Mild, muddy & cloudy - no prospect of snow.
326 Jack Brown having died in the night, the morn-
ing was chiefly devoted, by the new neighbors to laying him out - This
Jack was principally performed by friends Parsons & Montague, who are enti-
Brown tled to many thanks for their perseverance in the execution of a duty
dies. so peculiarly odious & irksome on account of the nauseous state in which
the remains were found. This man was about 32 years old - During the
greater part of the operation I was at Capt N's. P.M. accompanied by
friend M. we chopped up 2 trees in the woods, a few rods S. of the gulf
Ev'g read Riley. The life of Mr C. Wright was now despaired of.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th Warm, muddy & cloudy - had rained a little ear-
ly in the morning. A.M. worked in the woods
Moses chopping oak wood. P.M. entertained Mr Moses Fassett from Dunham, L.
Fassett Canada - his wife was Esqr Eph. Smith's eldest child - was now here him
from self to attend to the settlement of S's estate - had lost his eldest
Canada. child, a son, who would now had he lived, have been 22 yrs of age - had
also lost a daughter - 9 children, including 3 sons, yet survived. His
farm consisted of ... acres, of which 40 were under improvement. The
remarkable journey from western part of N. York in the winter of 1793
when Mr F. was but fifteen was talked over between father and him -
the latter was now in 42d year.

Feb 1819 THURSDAY, FEB'Y 11th Another change in the weather - Wind N.W. -
327 flying clouds - the last rain was not great
and it now froze up very rough - a little round snow fell this day -
No pros- but it was a mere sprinkling. People had given up all hope of sleigh-
pect of ing, and thus far, the winter was considered as most extraordinary. Till
sleighting 2 P.M. we worked at cutting oak - then I did some errands in town, went
Business to see uncle S. Robinson to contrive respecting the bringing of plaster
with S. from Troy - we came to no other conclusion than that previous to his
Robinson to his intended journey to Lake George, he would certainly visit us.
Came back to E. Waters' shop where he was employed in making a map
frame for me - I had made a mistake in my directions, and he was obliged
Miss to make a part of it over again - Dewey, Clark & Dexter were present -
Thompson likewise H. Waters. Ev'g read Riley. Miss P. Thompson worked here this
P.M. & evening.

Visit FRIDAY, FEB'Y 12th., Hazey and cloudy - wind N. - snow expected.
from Mrs. Drew wood - 4 loads. Mrs Waters & Adelia
W. Clark visited here.

Letter from Attica. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th Snowed most of the day - fell perhaps 4 inches deep from N.E. or somewhere about that quarter P.M. visited town - had cutter put under repairs by Col Norton. At the Post Office saw Mr M. Fassett, Esq Edgerton & others - rec'd a very pretty lettdr from cousin Catherine, Attica, N.Y. dated Jan'y 22d - Mr Chas Wright was momentarily expected to die.

Feb 1819 328 WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 17th On Sunday it was mild & hazy - Monday, snowed great part of the day, but it was warm and the snow came so slow that nothing important was added to the stock on hand Tuesday, warm A.M. P.M. changeable - alternately warm and cold - ended cold - flying clouds - wind mainly N.W. This day, 16th., was very chilly & looked likely for snow. Sunday, I chiefly devoted to reading Smollett and setting a pretty handsome map of Europe in a frame - Sally assisted - A part of Monday we drew wood with 2 teams - broke the horse-sled. 3 P.M. it stormed so much that we desisted. Mr Charles Wright this morning died, having been ill 50 days of a fever, during which he suffered great distress at times - Left a widow, eldest daughter of capt M. Robinson, & 3 children, besides a father, mother, 4 brothers, 5 sisters and a numerous circle of relatives & affectionate friends - I am told he was in his 36th year - Was the eldest son of Major Sol Wright, Pownal, and grandson on his mother's side, of the late Thom's Jewett. Tuesday drew wood. Wednesday P.M. attended Mr W's funeral which was numerously attended. Mr Marsh preached a very good sermon from Job. Elder Robinson assisted in the exercises. Uncle S. Robinson & Sarah made a short visit here.

Feb 1819 329 SATURDAY, FEB'Y 20th 18th rather cloudy in the morning, but in the latter part of the day clear - very cold all day. 19th considerably more mild - clear - wind N. 20th it snowed moderately, wind S., but very little was added to the bad sleighing - rather warm. On the 18th worked in the woods - got 2 loads of wood out of a pretty bad place.

In the evening waited upon Lydia, Melissa & Sally in the cutter to J. Norton's Junr where we had a pleas't visit - L. Norton, his lady & Sally Loomis were there.

J. Rogers arrives from Conn J. Rogers arrived from Connecticut - found all his friends and relations well - came last from Gid Smedley's, Litchfield. S. had spent last summer travelling in the western country.

See Jany 24th Ned Stone, since his wife's death in 1816 had married an old maid named Betsey Linsley who had resided in his family for several years. We think it a happy match. See Conn't Tour in Vol. 3 p. 1815

Wood, where drawn from Logs carried to Mill. Feb(y 19th closed the business of drawing wood - we this year selected our wood from various parts of the lot and great part consisted of old red oak which was already down, or if standing, was dead and in a decayed state - Computed our pile at about 20 cords - 20th Drew 2 middle sized mapple logs to Olin & Colvin's saw-mill for the purpose of having them sawed for stone-boat timber - left word with a young man who I found making a cog-wheel. Mr Ellis Doty started for Wilmington - his son Warner being with him - he had swapped horses with friend Parsons. Mother continued ill & confined to her room.

Feb 1819 MONDAY, FEB'Y 22d
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Mr Hart

Sunday was a blue day - cloudy - wind N.W.
Read Smollett in Geo. 1st reign, and wrote a page to uncle Jonas. Monday, moderate, cloudy & muddy. A.M. rigged the old sleigh. P.M. went to mill for Mr Kent, but unluckily through mistake of the miller left a part of his grist at the mill.

Montague

At E. Waters' shop had 2 saws filed, bro't home a particular kind of box & all Jonathan's boot implements including his peg-jack.

Letter

from

Mrs

Waters.

Friend Erastus arrived from Salem, N.Y. where he had been on a visit ever since Monday the 15th.

On the 18th I omitted mentioning a letter rec'd from Mrs Waters pr friend Rogers in reply to mine of Jan'y. It was friendly, lively, and intelligent - sent compliments to all - contained no very bad news, all hearty.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th The 23rd was fair, middling cold, flying clouds - w'd N.W. - much resembling March

Great basswood for sawing.

weather. We chopped down a very large tall bass tree, not far from 120 feet in height. It stood a few rods S. bearing W. of Parsons' S.E. corner of his wood lot. We cut out 2 loads & a saw log, which last was drawn down ready for amstart next morning. 24th fine weather, but rather thawy - wind N.W. in the A.M. P.M. $\frac{3}{4}$ S. Two cuts of the big bass were carried to the saw-mill beyond Algiers - the last I conveyed across by old Mr Green's, and at the brook had a very serious fracas with the young mare in attempting to compel her to leap it - she baffled me entirely and escaped from me and ran home - returned in pursuit of her - secured

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hernagain - then accompanied by friend Rogers returned to the fatal spot and every exertion by whipping, flattering &c at length succeeded by blinding the beast by tying a handkerchief over her eyes. In the evening when I returned to this place on my way home, the horses refused to go over, therefore I unharnessed and let them shirk for themselves, after that had to aid them or fear would have kept them there all night. My oxen crossed without difficulty.

Mr Buckley Squire removed his family and effects from the S. house place opposite to P. Dewey's to the house formerly or lately occupied by H. Allen.

Mrs Denio

Uncle Z. Harwood came with his youngest daughter, Mrs Denio, and made a short tarry about mid-day - the latter spoke with me respecting what she owed to cousin R. Harwood as mentioned Vol 4th p. 148, brought with her a kersey-blanket to leave with us towards it, but we concluded, as we were not certain, that cousin R. would receive it, and that would be several months ere she would make her appearance here, that she, Mrs D. had better take it back with her - said by next Fall she tho't she should be in condition to pay it. Cousin S.R. Jun visited us - had had good luck in the trafficking &c. 24th inst Hinman & Montague dressed flax.

S. Robinson Jr

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 27th

Logs at the saw-mill.

It was a pretty good day for business on Thursday although the wind blew hollow and chilly from the S.E. and towards night began to snow. Improved the day in drawing wood - besides 3 logs 8 ft & 1 of 10 ft in length of which each made a load, we had from the tree mentioned on the 24th about 6 loads for fuel. On Friday snowed slowly till past mid P.M. when it set in and fell tolerably fast till in the ev'g - and tho' the quantity was not great, helped sleighing materially. Frew the 2 last bass logs to the mill - now had 4 bass & 2 maple logs there, marked H. H.

Feb 1819 Feb 27. Stormed till late in the morning - continued hazing about the
332 mountains all day. Snow thawed most of the day, but pretty cold at night
- there were some very sudden and furious whirlwinds, which greatly de-
composed the sun. We made it our business to ride to town about noon.
Did some errands at E. Waters', Col Norton's, Swift's store, Post & print
Gen Rob- ing offices - called on gen Robinson to look at his deed, of which he in-
insons formed us, p.313. We found from the date it was an innocent thing, be-
deeds ing of nearly 20 years standing, dated July 10th., 1799 and besides the
p.313 bounds as therein defined included none of our land - the E. side being
bounded by land owned or occupied by Peter Harwood, & N. by those of Ros
well Moseley, now owned by Hinman's heirs. To us it read very plainly
in our favor, but the gen. was of a different opinion, although he did
not wish in the least to put it to the test - We departed in peace.

This conversation was in the presence of Mrs R., Heman R., Mr Cald-
well, cousin Samuel R. and a gentleman stranger who appeared to be doing
pension business with gen. R. - in the N.W. part of the house.

Ride with The closing exploit of this day was conveying the ladies, Sally,
ladies to Lydia & Melissa to town - at P's store S. bo't goods to the amount of
Pratt's \$2.77" - then taking L. Street on board went to Jona. Pratt's - after
seeing Mrs Street, who was there on a nursing tour, a few moments, we
came home by way of Gaines', Fay's & Capt Norton's - We had a pleas't rñ
ride, tho' a little incommoded by whirlwinds.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 28th Moderate, towards night hazy - wind light from
S. Added another page to uncle J's letter.

Read some in Smollett.

1819 MONDAY, MARCH 1st., 1819 Moderate, warm & cloudy all day. Wind S.W.
333 Accompanied by cousin S. Robinson went in a
sleigh to Troy - carried 15 bbls rye, which I sold to Jacob Merrit at
Expedition 6/3 York, pr bhl, allowing 60 lbs to the bushel being the same as 00.75"
to Troy. at our own door, bo't at Dr Lyman's 6 lbs brown sugar at 16-1/2" - paid
in full \$1.00.....\$ 1.00i/4-Quin
1/4 Quintle Codfish at Harts'..... 1.12 1/2
Wood-saw at a hardware store 1.25
4 bbls plaister at Daniel Merritt's 1.37 1/2
Silver Thimble for M. Street37 1/2
\$ 5.12 1/2

Having compleated my business, tho't it prudent to make the best
of my way for home, as the sleighing was every moment wasting away, as
Troy hill was bare & it was rough, bad doings for 6 miles out.

It was intended to have taken a load of Plaister next morning and
bro't Cousin with me who had or was purchasing a pack of dry-goods, but
my apprehension was so great respecting the snow that when I saw him,
told him I could not wait for him, but must come on that night.

Came up to Wadsworth's - baited there - saw - S.Hinsdell, E.Young,
& R. Wickwire who all put up there.

I had resolved to come home, and accordingly letting my horses
travel at a slow rate, arrived here, having suffered much from cold &
want of rest, at 5 in the morning - About 2/3ds of the way it was good
sleighing - between Hoosick river & the foot of Armstrong hill - very
thin & grinding - the W. part of Bennington quite middling. The weather
changed & grew cold every moment after 11 o'clock at night. There were
a great many teams in Troy, but the market for grain was quite dull.

Mch 1819 SATURDAY, MARCH 6th Tuesday, the 2d, was a high-flying day from N.W.
334 - cold - They went to Shaftsbury to Carpenter's
Singing Lecture - Father, Jonathan, Lydia, 'Dama & Melissa attended -
Erastus, as it happened, drew wood for himself, which was his chief bus-
iness the present week. The young mare & young horse went to Shaftsbury
at in J. Hinman's pleasure sleigh.
Shaftsbury Wednesday, the 3d, it was clear & cold - Sarah & I rode to the foot
of Pownal hill - turned to the right, followed the river about a mile,
Pownal turning again to the right - came up by way of the Eldridge's - called
ride at Mr Duncan's - Mrs D. was not at home, we came on & reached home be-
tween 4 & 5 P.M.
This evening cousin Sam came here & staid all night.
Thursday, 4th - rather stormy in the morning wind S. - in the main
fair.
S. Robinson We traded with cousin Sam to the am't of \$4.00 or \$5.00 - he then
Jr steered for Pownal. Worked at cutting wood. Delia Clark and Mrs Waters
D. Clark were on a visit here.
Friday, the 5th Fair & warm - sleighing failed fast - Continued wok
working on the wood-pile - had the new saw fixed for action. Waters had
a harrel of cider of us.
Rogers goes This day, the 6th., was pretty stormy, thawy & unpleasant - turned
to Lan- round at night very cold, snowed and hailed a little while severely.
singburg Montague & Rogers rode abroad on horseback on business - the former to
or attempt Hoosick, the latter intended to go to Lansingburgh, but an unforeseen
it. accident made him turn short about at Hoffman's and return here by ten
this eve'g.
Brooms Erastus purchased 1 doz. corn-brooms for us this night.
Died this morning at A. Robinson's in the 46th year of her age Miss
Polly Watkins.

Mch 1819 SUNDAY, MARCH 7 Very sharp in the morning - Wind N.W. - Tolera-
335 bly cold all day - Perused Smollett a few pa-
ges. Compleated writing a lengthy letter to uncle Jonas, comprising an
Letter to account of our health, Marriages, Deaths, state of health in this place
J. Harwood in general - R. Hopkins being here in Sept. last - his business, and
what he said of cousin Emily's being likely to be married to a young Mr
Palmer. For one marriage see p. 309 and others may be found by turning
to pages 251, 300.
MONDAY, MARCH 8th., Sunday night came on a furious snow storm, atten-
Saw-horse ed with high wind from S.W. - before th night
this day it turned to N. or N.E. but there was not a great fall of snow.
Made a saw-horse with 6 legs. Mr Blazedell came over and talked smooth-
ly to Jonathan.
TUESDAY, MARCH 9th., Continued snowing lightly till late in the morn-
Singing ing, remained cloudy all day - Pretty cold, wind
Lecture. N. Mr Carpenter's Singing Lecture came on this day & was handsomely at-
tended - the choir rendered honor to their instructor and themselves.
The letter to uncle Jonas was put into the P.O.
THURSDAY, MARCH 10th Wednesday was very cold early in the morning
but fair all day - Wind N.E. - Went to Troy in a
sleigh - carried 10 bhls of rye - sold it at Isaac Merrits - weighed 9
bhls 36 lbs - rec'd pay in cash \$7.50" - bo't 3 chissels at a hardware
store for 00.94" - bo't at D. Merritt's about 7 wt & 3 grs plaister -
for which paid 390 cents - Rec'd pr order of cousin S. Robinson a small
parcel of dry-goods & cleared for home. It was about noon when I arrived
there, but there were such numbers of people doing business that it was 3

or 4 P.M. before I could

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accomplish mine. At Merritt's saw Harvey Smedley of Williamstown - said his people were all well - assisted me a little in getting my plaister put up & weighed. The sleighing from Troy to the brick meeting house was extremely poor, thence to western part of Hoosack it was very good, thence to the Goat tavern ordinary - and thence to 4 corners pretty poor - here to avoid bare ground on the main road turned S. from the corners a few rods abd took a private path leading into the Snyder road not far from Otis Dimmick's - from there it was half middling all the way home where I arrived Thursday morning about 3 o'clock.

This day worked very little, spending the most of it in reposing myself after my nights ride.

Father & friend Erastus exchanged works together at chopping wood. Mrs Eldred & Mrs Duncan visited here this P.M., also Mrs Street.

Work at
Parsons'

FRIDAY, MARCH 12th., Snowed slowly and damply all day - wind N.E.
We sawed wood at Parsons' A.M. - P.M. friend Erastus who had employed us as above worked with us at our wood-pile.

Visit at
S. Robin-
sons
Leach's
note

SATURDAY, MARCH 13th It continued storming a little and at night it grew very cold - wind high N.W. Some advances were made in sawing, splitting & piling wood - Sally, myself and little Adaline rode in the cutter, drawn by the young horse, to uncle S. Robinson's - and after I had rode on to Lem Leach's at Hinsdillville works, settled with him - giving him a note of \$10.23 - returned, made a short good visit - came home about dark.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 14th It was most extremely tedious all day - wind high from N.W. - snow flying in every direction. Read Smollett

Cold

MONDAY, MARCH 15th., The coldest morning that had been known in a long time - remained fair & very cold all day -

Expedition to Troy At night saw a sun-dog. Went to Troy and bought half a ton of plaister at D. Merritt's and came up 6 miles to Smith's and took lodgings.

Troy hill was more passable than when I tried it before, but it was none of the best, snow thin - several bare spots, however from the brick meeting house up to the Lansingburgh road it was badly drifted. Plenty of snow all through Pittstown.

Mother
Shaw

TUESDAY, MARCH 16th Commenced snowing about 1 in the morning and continued till 7 when it ceased awhile, but towards ev'g came on with redoubled fury, bringing on a great abundance of that article. At 2 in the morning left Smith's and drove to old Mother Shaw's at the Goat tavern and baited. I had never visited this house before, but from the little I saw, smelled out its character. It appeared from the jests, smiles and shrewd ogling of the sturdy old jade and a young man from Manchester that a scrape was had in the night which kept every soul in the house up till 3 in the morning, and they had just begun to turn out as I came away. Arrived at home about 11 A.M. Mr Joseph Goodale, Erastus's old Boss, & Mrs Theodosia Moore were on a visit here. See p. 164 Feb'y 17, 1818. The snow had mended the sleighing much in Hoosick & Bennington.

Goodale &
Mrs Moore

Mch 1819 That double pile of wood which we began burning Dec. 29th was now
338 wholly consumed - the north side of the other was broached - See p. 177,
217. Had as much hay on hand as to have the West mow entire - P.175.

Blow WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th., A most violent blow came on from the West or NW
 which lasted the whole day without cessation,
Snow heaping the snow in immense piles in various places. I set out for Troy
 this morning, but finding it very boisterous, after proceeding a short
Great blow distance beyond capt S. Robinson's turned back & came home.

 Mrs Goodale and Mrs Moore set out for Salem, N.Y. but tho't it pru-
dent to go no farther than E. Waters' where they tarried the night.

 Bliss Loomis was a close companion of friend Jonathan this day.

 THURSDAY, MARCH 18th., Fine day, pretty cold - wind W. till night then
Expedition it was from S.W. - Not very cold P.M. neverthe-
to Troy less thawed only on the hills above Lansingburgh and other places where
 the snow was thin. Went to Troy by way of Lansingburgh, bo't at D. Merritts
13 cwt 2 grs 14 lbs plaister, for which paid \$6.81" - handed, in making th
this payment, a \$2 Newburgh bill, some ragged, which the clerk was scru-
pulous about receiving, but having squinted at it sometime, enquired my
name, which I gave him, and he wrote it on the back of the bill so as to
put it back upon me if they could not pass it. I rec'd it of Jona Rogers
& he of Mr S. Brown by the hand of his son. Came up with my load to Ger-
mans' at Spiegletown and baited, it was about 8 in the evening. Here I
saw an elderly man who was acquainted with

Mch 1819 our good friend Wm Haff who in 1814 lived in this place (Bennington) -
339 the old gent said he believed he resided with his family in Lansingburgh.
Saw Reub'n Clark, son of widow Hannah Harwood. Said he worked in the
coopering business in that village. While at this house a goodly number
of beaux & belles from Troy came in, but their tarry was short - they were
Daniel were bound up the Turnpike. Unexpectedly saw Daniel Downs who was one
Downs their drivers - in good spirits & apparently glad to see me - invited me
see Oct to call on him at home - said he would.

1817 I now set my face towards home - arrived at Wadsworth's past 12 -
had plenty of snow, but it was hard sleighing, not being beat sufficiently

 Four men lay before the fire in the bar-room waiting to take a lit-
tle repose and then at moon-rise to resume their march for Troy with
their loads. Having stopped here about an hour moved forward again -
the moon beginning to rise, the air pretty sharp - As I came on met
sleighs going to market - found nothing serious until I began to ascend
the new dug-way beyond the Goat Tavern, where the ground was almost en-
tirely bare, and in drawing the old heavy iron shod sleigh over it, the
the horses were obliged to exert themselves to the uttermost - had a
number of bare places to cross coming through Hoosack - left 2 bags of
plaster at a small house W. of H. Rogers - Along this road met a good
many Bennington sleighs - among others uncle S. & cousin S. Robinson
bound to Troy. Arrived here between 7 & 8 in the morning of

FRIDAY, MARCH 19th., Fairm- cold morn'g - pleas't & warm P.M. thawy.
 A.M. took a nap - P.M. rode to Pickett's with
mother. Erastus dressed flax - father broke for him.

Mch 1819 340 The whole amount of plaster bo't in 1818 & exclusive of that used for rolling grain was1-9-3-7
Do 18191-14-2-14

Plaister how much bo't In the former year it was at the rate of \$12. pr T - in the latter at \$10.00 - Paid out in cash for it in 1818 with the exception above \$17.89
The present year 17.24

Sundog SATURDAY, MARCH 20th., Good day for business, but hazy towards evening - a sun-dog was seen near night - wind S.W.
Snowed in the night. We worked at splitting & piling wood. Mrs Waters & Mrs Clark came down on a visit this P.M. Erastus took jollop & did no work.

Great blow. SUNDAY, MARCH 21st., The wind blew extremely jeavy from N.W. all day - at times filling the air full of snow, a small quantity of which had fallen the night previous. Jonathan R., Lydia & Rogers' ride to Melissa rode in the cutter drawn by the "Young Man" to Park's, Woodford, to get some brookline, as they call it, for mother, it being prescribed by Dr S. They procured a quantity of it at the Gov's Spring & immediately returned, but before reaching home, encountered some very formidable drifts as well as terrible whirl-winds, through which the young man moved unappalled.

Smollett 1st Vol I had almost finished reading the 1st of Smollett

Mch 1819 341 MONDAY, MARCH 22nd Pretty fine - wind N.W. P.M. mother rode out with Melissa.
We worked at the wood-pile.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd., Cloudy A.M. - wind S. P.M. & evening rained smartly - tedious for vattle & other creatures exposed. Our work continued the same.
Aunt Rhoda visited widow capt Dewey.
Chauncey went to mill with wheat & corn.

Taxes paid Woods' teams We paid our taxes to Hiram Hinsdill, the Collector - State \$5.55 - town \$12.93 - in the whole \$18.48
Wood'snteams drew wood for Parsons.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th., Tolerably warm & thawy, altho' in the morning the wind was N.W. - and toward evening it hazed over.
Helped Erastus cut Jonathan's wood & he assisted at cutting our own P.M.

Mother rides abroad M.Street. Mother had a brave ride after that wonderful creature called the "Young Man" and approved highly of his conduct. Melissa was carried away by Mr P. Dewey, who came with his sleigh & horses bringing with him his two daughters and another little girl.

Blazedell fit of Apoplexy. Mr Blazedell had a sort of apoplectic fit - Chauncey went at night for Dr Swift who was gone ffrom home - B. it was said was pretty cross.

Visit at Parsons Calves. Sarah, the girls, including Adeline, with Erastus & Jonathan visited at Parsons' - Bad walking - I staid at home because I was both tired & lazy.
We had now seven calves of this years produce

Mch 1819 THURSDAY, MARCH 25th., A very furious and uncomfortable storm of hail
342 rain and wind came on early in the morning,
lasted several hours - P.M. wind continued S. - calm awhile, but towards
Thunder evening another great shower drove over, and altho' cold yet did it
thunder.
Business as usual.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26th., Wind N.W. this morning - tolerably pleas't P.M.
wind turned S. heavily - a very serious shower
was bro't on near night, but happily lasted but a little while. Our work
V D Spie- went on as usual. Erastus went withnour oxen to the drawing of V.D.Spie-
gels barn gels barn, which was drawn from capt Dewey's old tavern stand to Spiegels
drawn residence. The old tavern house had been lately sold to Wm Henry Esq
At night the wind blew violently from N.W.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th., Very cold all day, flying clouds, wind extremely
high from N.W. We still labored on the woodpile
Erastus assisted us on Friday A.M. and most of this day - had watched
with Hiram Hull Friday night.
Account On the 25th settled accounts with M. whose charges amounted to \$45.
settled and ours to \$44.00 He however in consideration of our price for board,
with deducted so much from his, as made the accounts this year even - See p.
Montague 199. Signed a note to him of \$71.00 - due one year from date.

Mch 1819 SUNDAY, MARCH 28th., It held on very cold most of the day - cloudy
343 in the morning but broke away and was middling
fair P.M. - wind strong N.W. - thawed the ground where it was bare - and
Letter became rather more mild towards evening.
written Made it my chief business to write a letter for aunt Stone to her
for aunt daughters in Scipio, N.Y.
Stone. Rec'd from Dr Swift's by the hand of Chauncey the 2d Vol of Smollett
Likewise rec'd from H. Waters, who had staid with us over-night a
good assortment of music.

MONDAY, MARCH 29th., Stormed slowly, all day, round snow & hail from
Storm S.E. as we supposed - at night it came on harder
and turned more to rain - the ground hard frozen - Worked at the woodpile
Erastus assisted the whole day.
Montague Chauncey had a stint at chopping round wood & being assisted by his
friend Norman Norton, finished it time enough to pay play most of the PM.
Del Clark Adelia Clark & Caroline Waters visuted here this P.M.
Car Waters Harry P. & Henry the new apprentice visited Chauncey in the ev'g

TUESDAY, MARCH 30th., Very rainy from the S. in the morning.
Thunder Late P.M. or in the eve&g - had a heavy thunder
shower.
Parsons Settled accounts with Parsons whose charges amounted to

Apl 1819 \$45. ours, including a note on settlement in 1818 - to \$48. - balanced
344 the books by due-bill.

Friend Montague also settled with him in a manner, but not finally - could not agree, and this P.M. had a grand altercation which ended in smoke.

M. Worked here this P.M.

March WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st., Extremely cold - flying clouds - wind high N.W.
meeting Attended our annual town meeting - See p.246

Robins & THURSDAY, APRIL 1st Fine, but pretty cool weather - We saw a robin
bluebirds on Saturday March 27th - this day robins and
blue-birds were pretty plenty. Worked at the wood. Erastus visited
Hay on Shaftsbury for money. All the hay on hand consisted of full 3/4 of the
hand W. mow. Our stock including horses and sheep had increased but little
Stray since December 1st. - a sheep had been found at Dr Swift's and we were
sheep now raising six young calves - the wheat looked well. Plenty of snow on
Snow the mountains - on low lands it lay only in banks by the fences & hollows

Kettles FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd., Nice fine day, warm - wind W. We cut and piled
set for wood.
Noble Erastus set kettles for Ashb'l Noble to boil sap.

Montague SATURDAY, APRIL 3d., Fine, warm day. Same business. Erastus and
& Hinman Hin. got out flax here.
Rogers had lately bo't a new saddle of J. Hicks

Apl 1819 SUNDAY, APRIL 4th., The wind was strong in the S. all day - rained
345 some towards evening - considerably after dark
Thunder and about 12 o'clock a heavy thunder shower was experienced, which caused
the stream to rise very high in a little time, the snow being yet deep
on the mountains.

Letter to My main employment was that of writing a part of a letter to R. B.
R B Stone Stone, and reading Eng'sh History.
Found a drowned sheep belonging to our flock in the brook - not a
great loss, rather old.

MONDAY, APRIL 5th., It was calm - quite cloudy, frost appeared to be
out in some places - very muddy, bad travelling
I was indisposed in consequence of a bad cold.
Small A little stove which I bought at Lenox was set up in the milk room.
stove Erastus had the chief hand in this and besides repaired the old oven in
a superb manner. We borrowed pipe of Parsons to set up the said stove
with, which united to more that was spared from the old Trenor, carried
it out sufficiently. See Dec. 12th., p.304

TUESDAY, APRIL 6th., Cold & freezing - wind N.W. Worked at the wood
Blazedell Erastus went over to B.Wood's chopping for him-
removed self. Mr Hinman removed old Blazedell & his stuff, he having divided
to Pow'l property with Mary his wife, to the S.E. or S. pt of Pownal - See V.4
Apl 1817. Friend Parsons complained of ill luck with his stove in re-
moving it - smoked badly.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th

Cold in the morning, tolerably mild during the remainder of the day - hazy - wind S. Piled wood. Friend Erastus still at Wood's.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8th.,

Rained heavily in the A.M. wind S. - P.M. wind changed to N.W. cloudy, and became cold at night

A.M. mended stable floors.

Town-
meeting

P.M. attended the adjourned town-meeting. This meeting as stated p.344 commenced on the last day of March and was pretty decently managed.

Candidates for Moderator were O.C.Merrill,Rep. & I.Tichenor,Fed. - the latter was carried by a small majority.

For Clerk, A.Robinson & Wm Haswell. - the former was carried by a faint majority, federal -

For first Selectman Gen'l Robinson & capt M. Robinson -

For do W. part of the town andN.W.

do N.E. P.Harwood & J.Stratton,

do S.E. T. Henry & Silas Walbridge - carried federal by small majorities.

Harvey

For first constable & collector, Charles Hicks & Jona Hunt - in this instance thro' the unpopularity of the latter among the federal friends the former was elected.

For second do S. Bingham & Zed Dewey - the latter was carried clearly, and the meeting was adjourned to Thursday week - the day now under consideration.

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Meeting opened at 1 P.M. A little difficulty was started respecting the 2d Constable who when he was elected was not a free-holder as the law directs, but since that time had become one, still could not get bail, however, to do away this he was nominated & re-elected by hand vote. Some were so unwise as to call for balloting in this affair, but on further deliberation or by request the motion was withdrawn.

As had been the practice for several years, no ballots were used after the constables were chosen.

The Listers were chosen by going round - viz -

Centre	Asa Hyde
West	D. Mc Eowen
N.West.....	L. H. Gibbs
N.East	Jason Blackmer
S.East	Benj. Webb

All federal except the last, who obtained it by the unpopularity of Mr Brush his opponent in the other party.

An adjournment of half an hour took place to give the Authority time to nominate grand & petit jurors. In about an hour they returned with lists made up of an equal number of either party which were voted in without opposition.

Next came on the subject of taxes about which there was considerable conversation. The report of the last year's Com -

Apl 1819 mittee having been read, it appeared that notwithstanding our high taxes
348 in 1818, the town was in debt to the am't of \$200.

In raising money the first sum proposed, I think, was 1-1/2 cents on the dollar, but not carried - next was tried one cent, which was carried by a fairhand vote, but Sam Young & some other mischievous fellows pretended to be dissatisfied & called for polling the house.

The moderator said if those who were opposed to raising one cent would walk out in front of the C't house and parade themselves, he would count them; this was accordingly done, but it did not appear then as they considered it a part put, and therefore insisted on being counted in the house, which was done, and it proved plainly that they were a mere minority, both sides being fairly counted.

The settling committee for 1819 consisted of Wm Henry Esq, David Fay & Jona Hunt who were to act in their office one week previous to the next meeting - and it was likewise voted that the Collector should collect & pay into the treasury all the town tax by the same period.

Sol Safford Treasurer as in 1818.

Cold FRIDAY, APRIL 9th., A very cold day - wind high N.W.
Finish Finished cutting & piling wood. Had a greater
cutting & quantity than in the preceding year ; but of an inferior quality - con-
piling sisting of 4 double piles, one of which was maple, the rest oak & bass
wood.

Apl 1819 wood, the whole including 2 cords good maple oven-wood, would perhaps
349 measure about 23 or 24 cords. P. 180, 181, 183.

Wood About half of one of the hard-wood piles referred to above and a
quantity of old oven-wood remained on hand.
Mr Hunt worked here, moving a cupboard &c.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10th., Very cold & cloudy all the A.M. P.M. hazy and
consequently considerably more mild. Worked
at repairing stable floors A.M. P.M. pruned the y'g orchard.
Hay Chauncey went to mill. Had on hand more than 12 feet of the whole of
the N. end of the W. mow - See p. 388

SUNDAY, APRIL 11th The wind S. - cloudy - rain was expected.
Error Read newspapers and wrote a little.
In stating the vote respecting the Collector I was incorrect - that
was my impression as I left the house, but it was not carried, as I was
afterwards informed. A great shower of rain happ'd this evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 12th., Cold in the morning - ground wet & slightly
Snow covered with snow, but it gradually became
Stovepipe warmer through the day. P.M. high wind N.W.
bo't of In the morning I went to town on business - father visited Algiers,
Hill's had a tin tea-kettle mended, & bro't from capt Hill's a 5 inch pipe for
the milk-room stove, weighing 17 1/2 lbs
Fire This P.M. 1 o'clock, we were suddenly alarmed by discovering the
here house to be on fire - it caught by means of the oven, but was quickly
got under without doing any damage worth naming. It was

Apl 1819 believed that this was the first time that the old mansion had been at-
350 tacked by the flames.

Erastus came home from Mc Eowen's at night - was surprised at the late accident.

Montague TUESDAY, APRIL 13th., Rainy in the morning - fine weather in the main but cloudy. Friend Erastus performed some set vices for us in his line, setting up the new stove pipe & regulating my stove in the S. room - he dressed flax the remainder of the day. We put up fences.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14th., Pleasant and warm, the birds were perk & merry. Business as above in the farming line

Cattle THURSDAY, APRIL 15th., Extremely warm & pleas't - grain & grass grew
turned out the woods Business as above. Let out the cattle into th

Capt Fry On the 14th in the P.M. capt Fry came to us to buy wheat rye which we could not sell him. He stated several particulars respecting his revolutionary services - was in Bunker Hill Battle - lay at Valley Forge in 1777 - would be 62 in May next.

Rogers plows Jonathan plowed for us this P.M. - his team was the young horse & mare.

Orchard FRIDAY, APRIL 16th Cloudy & warm wind S. Ploughing and pruning
pruned apple trees constituted the main business
N.Ripley Mr Ripley came on to bottoming chairs.

Apl 1819 SATURDAY, APRIL 17th A great storm gradually arose from the S.E.
351 which increased to almost a hurricane, wind and rain driving ahainst every building, and other objects that were not thrown down, with the greatest impetuosity, nor did it cease till about 9 in the evening. This was really one of the most tedious storms that I ever witnessed.

In the P.M. & ev'g it snowed, but it melted as fast as it fell on the low lands - the E. mountain was covered with it. Streams were raised to a frightful height.

Sun-dog Previous to this storm, so long before-hand as the 14th late in the P.M., there appeared a bright circle around the sun, in the S.E. part of which, a very conspicuous sun-dog showed himself - Let us, from this, learn to beware of sundogs, for they seldom pass away without biting, and that in memorable style.

Visit at Dewey's I rode to Court house hill to do some errands there - sold 30-1/4 lbs cheese to Fassett & rec'd paym't \$2.72 - called at Swift's & Pickett's, the latte~~s~~ having lately removed from Judge R's office where he had for several years past taken his stand, to the Dr Lyman stand which he now owned & had entered into partnership with Dr Swift - From this went to Mr Eldad Dewey's where I used his services to clean a small quantity of flax-seed - that done - entered into a very entertaining discourse with Mr D. respecting my forefathers

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Apl 1819 on the side of the Dewey's, wherein he gave much pleasing information,
352 but our pleasure was vastly damped by the great anxiety that my venerable kinsman felt for the fate of his mill and dam which were in a dangerous situation - as night drew on the gloominess increased so that we almost totally dropped the subject.

Eldad Jun came home late P.M., complained bitterly of the storm.

I found myself weather-bound, had my horse put up and tarried all night.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18th., The E. storm was chiefly over, but hovered on the green mountains which was winter white - the trees on the W. mountain down to a certain line were grey.

Cloudy & gloomy.

Braddock Read Braddock's defeat & gen'ls Shirley & Johnson's expeditions, in English history.

Letter to Arrived from Mr Dewey's about 7 in the morning.

R B Stone Added more to my letter to friend Stone.

MONDAY, APRIL 19th., It was very cloudy homely weather - wind E.

The snow was bright and deep on the E. M't

Lexington The W. mountain was white on the higher parts. Worked at fencing.

Battle. This is the Anniversary of Lexington Battle - 1775

TUESDAY, APRIL 20th., Much like the 19th - Snow did not appear to diminish on the mountains.

Plaster Sowed plaster on the long pasture above the L. meadow - W^e of the Fay
sown farm.

Apl 1819 News came by Mr Hinman that Mr Brown had been dangerously seized
353 on attending on Monday, P.M. with an ague fit, which was followed by severe indisposition all night. Dr H. Swift was immediately sent for and visited him twice in the P.M. and now this morning.

Sickness Finding his case desperate he sent Mr Hinman in great haste for
of Mr Dr Banister of Pownal, who accordingly came, but all was of no avail,
Brown. his fate was fixed, no human means could succeed in restoring him.

Of 6 persons of whom the family consisted when capt Hinman & Mr Bn Brown came to this town in the spring of 1803, he was the only one left alive. See Journal of Dec. 8th., 1815. On farther inquiry I find myself a little mistaken in regard to the number of the family - To make it more intelligible I will insert their names - towit

Capt Daniel Hinman

Mrs Annis Hinman

Mr Samuel Brown

Mrs Betsey Brown

Miss Sally H. Brown

Miss Dolly Morgan - a hired maid

Jack Brown - colored serv't boy. See p.326

Samuel H. & Eliza H. Brown were born in this town. D.Morgan is still living - was married in 1804 to Reub. Adzit

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This evening, April 20th., most of the neighbors were present, every moment expecting Mr B. would breathe his last - but about 11 o'clock he revived and appeared for awhile to have his reason, so indeed he did every time he awoke during the night. Previous to his revival he lay in a fit of appoplexy, as Dr's Banister & Swift said. Dr N. Swift was at the time absent at New York.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21st., It was a fair cool day - wind N.W.

Death of
Mr Brown

Mr Brown this morning seemed to have his senses quite bright, knew all that spoke with him, but he was considered a dying man, and soon fell into another fit which terminated his existence about 5 o'clock P.M.

When he was first taken it was supposed his disorder must be the gravel, but that was succeeded by the apoplexy as we were told by the physicians.

Mr Brown in stature was not far from six feet in height, tolerably thick set, walked with a small halt owing to a lameness of long standing. He spoke rather slow, and with a peculiar kind of precision, though not with collegiate exactness, for he never had the advantages of education as enjoyed by the youth of our times. In common conversation he was full of lively innocent jokes, which rendered him an agreeable friend and companion. However the latter period of his life was embittered by the intricacies of the law, in which he had been entangled almost from the hour in which his wife died, but it would seem that he had nearly compleated this business and was preparing to enjoy life

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more to his liking. That very night previous to his death a Mr Penfiel arrived from Charlotte with a horse that he had agreed to receive at \$140.00 - which he took a great notion to, when at C., which was only a short time since, and it seems he had promised himself much satisfaction in riding and driving him, but poor man, he was cut down in the midst of all his calculations of future enjoyment.

Mr B. was man much attached to property, but in acquiring it used means less harsh than many do, nor had he the abilities to accumulate riches that some men have - was remarkably independent in his mode of living - despised the idea of spongeing - always held himself in readiness to satisfy every just demand, and I believe is entitled to the reputation of an honest man.

It has been supposed that he, when about home did not use himself to exercise enough for his health; this is generally believed to be true especially in winter, which might in some measure have hastened his dissolution.

He was born on the 5th of June 1765 at a place in Con't called Horse-neck, consequently had almost compleated his 54th year. His complexion was dark, eyes the same, heavy eye-brows, high sloping forehead, prominent nose, large mouth and pretty full lips. On the whole his countenance, when unenlivened by cheerful discourse had a sorrowful cast. His hair had been growing gray for several years, the consequence, no doubt, of his law troubles. Let this be a warning to everyone to keep clear of that fathomless vortex of ruin into which many mistaken souls have plunged themselves irretrievably. Every assistance was given him by the neighbors generally, especially

Apl 1819 by Mr Gleason & lady (who with their family removed from the W. part of
356 the town into the Caldwell house on theinst) by young Mr Gleason, who was on a visit from "Cazenovia" N.Y. to his father's - by E. Montague & others. Mr & Mrs Hinman were very kind, not only to Mr B., but to young Sam'l who was exercised with the most poignant grief - he being the only soul that remained alive of all the family who once possessed this melancholy mansion.

This was Fast Day and at noon Mr Marsh came down and prayed with us twice, visited the house again just before Mr B. breathed his last & made another prayer.

Mr Penfield's Mr Penfield was in a perplexed situation from which he did not
case. very well know how to extricate himself. On certain conditions, which he specified, he had agreed with Mr B. to bring him the horse I have mentioned above, & to receive in payment a note of \$117.00 or thereabouts, against Jo Barker of Charlotte, the remainder in cash, to make up the whole amount to \$140.00 - This agreement Mr P. said he could prove by several witnesses. He had come down by way of Albany where he had disposed of the mate to said horse so that if Mr B. should not take him it would be considerable damage to him - the bargain was considered a fair one which left him in doubt how to proceed. He asked the advice of a lawyer who told him to deliver the horse previous to the death of Mr B. before evidence, and it would be considered as his property.

Accordingly he did so, stating at the same time the bargain as I have inserted it here, as well as other particulars relative to it.

Mr Hinman, Mr Parsons, my father, Mr Eli Carpenter, J. Rogers & myself. After this he immediately departed for home, leaving the s'd horse

Apl 1819 Let me add, what would have been more proper in another place, that
357 Mr B. was a lover of music, was a decent performer on the flute, could formerly sing a good song, if occasion called and always relished things of that nature from others.

The foregoing comprehends all the particulars that I can recollect at present that I think need mentioning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd., Fair cool weather - wind N.W. We pursued the
business of ploughing and pruning apple trees
Mr Ripley Uncle N. Ripley bottomed more chairs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd., Fair, but the air was sharp & chilly owing to
the neighborhood of great bodies of snow on
the mountains around.

Funeral The remains of our departed friend & neighbor were conveyed to the meeting house in the usual manner, where Mr Marsh delivered a discourse suited to the solemn occasion, from Revelations, Chap. 22d - 12th verse, after which the interment followed in the usual form.

Mr M. returned thanks to the friends and neighbors in the handsome style for which he has ever been distinguished at such times.

Mr Hinman and family followed the bier in the character of mourners, tho' there existed no relationship between them & the deceased, otherwise his son would have been the only one present to perform that sad office. Samuel behaved with great propriety for a person of his years & placed in so trying a situation as he was - In Mr B. the neighborhood sustained a serious loss - to ourselves particularly he had always acted the part of an honest, good neighbor.

The funeral being ended, in the P.M. a meeting was at-

It is a very common mistake to suppose that the only way to get the most out of a book is to read it straight through from beginning to end. This is not necessarily the best method. A more effective way is to read a chapter or two, then go back and read the introduction or a previous chapter. This helps you to see the book in context and to understand the author's argument more fully.

Another common mistake is to read a book too quickly. It is important to take time to think about what you are reading. This means pausing to reflect on the author's ideas and to consider how they relate to your own knowledge and experience. It also means taking notes and discussing the book with others. This will help you to gain a deeper understanding of the book and to see its value more clearly.

It is also important to choose the right book for you. This means looking for books that are written by authors who are experts in the field and who have a good reputation. It also means looking for books that are well written and that are easy to read. This will help you to get the most out of your reading.

Finally, it is important to remember that reading is a lifelong activity. It is not something that you should only do when you have time. It is something that you should do every day, even if it is only for a few minutes. This will help you to stay up to date on the latest developments in your field and to see the world in a new light.

Reading is a very important part of our lives. It helps us to learn about the world and to see things from a different perspective. It also helps us to develop our critical thinking skills and to become more informed citizens. So, let's make reading a habit and enjoy the many benefits it has to offer.

Apl 1819 tended at the meeting house, which had been called for the purpose of
 358 seeing whether the people were for dismissing Mr Marsh and whether any-
 thing would be done towards repairing the meeting house. I did not
 Minister stay to hear the deliberations but was informed that Mr J. Hunt was
 & Meeting chief speaker in opposition to Mr Marsh - others in his favor - Gen'l
 House Robinson, Judge Fay &c. The meeting closed by adjournment.
 meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 24th., Cool & a little smoky - froze in the morn'g -
 Spring w'd N.W. Our spring wheat was sown on ground
 wheat N. and W. of the N. meadow, occupied in 1818 The W. part with corn -
 season E. with potatoes - It was in prime order - some we ploughed in and some
 we covered with the harrow - limed & soaked most of it, a small portion
 was plaistered, but no plaister was sown on the ground as was done last
 season. P.209.

Mr Giles Olin came up to look at our young horse which he talked o
 of buying. Our price was 85 dollars.

Letters fr A pretty lively, friendly letter, dated West Rutland, Vt., Apl 19,
 C Harwood 1819 was this day received from uncle Clark Harwood. Another came by
 & friends mail to aunt Stone from her daughters at Scipio, N.Y. All well & in
 at Scipio good spirits.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25th., It was fair, but a very sharp chilly air pre-
 vailed. Wielded the pen with some perseverance
 Read but little in Smollett. Wrote a letter, in the eve'g, for S. H.
 Brown in his name to his uncle Jotham Meade, living in Chester, some-
 where in the neighborhood of Lake George, transmitting

Apl 1819 an account of his father's illness, death & burial. The gentleman re-
 359 ferred tomor mentioned above had married Mr B's sister.
 Letters to On the 22d I wrote one to Capt Park Brown, Southbury, C't, one of
 S H Brown the brothers of the deceased, giving a brief account of what had occur-
 friends ed - urging him to lose no time in coming here to see to affairs -
 This was likewise dictated in friend S. H's name

MONDAY, APRIL 26th., Cool in the morning - fair all day, warm P.M.
 w'd N.

Flax seed About 1/2 half acres of ground was sown with flax-seed, the garden was
 sown ploughed, as well as some work of that kind in the field,
 Saw-logs Went to Olin & Colvin's saw-mill with a team, drew in those logs
 mentioned p. 331 - butted 3 of them - finished this business past 1 P.M.
 Informed Mr Olin that we had concluded not to sell our young horse - he
 replied that no harm was done.

On my return through Algiers performed a small service by request
 Capt Hill from Capt Hill's who with other hands was working at Stiles' old bark
 house getting out the sleepers, which with my oxen I snaked out - had my
 Acct set- reward out of the bar. At uncle Jo N's had ox-shoes taken off - then
 tled with came home. Old Rhode Island Greene staid here this night.
 Booth Rec'd of Mrs Booth \$00.67" to balance acc't.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27th., Fair, not very warm - wind N.W. Myself &
 Chauncey pursued ploughing - father put fences
 E. side of the lane about the upper brook.

Swallows Chauncey said he saw 3 swallows hovering near the barn.
 The mud was much dried up.

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Apl 1819 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28th., Fine, dry, mild weather, flying clouds, wind
360 N.W.

Oats Most our oats were sown on the same ground occupied in the same
sown manner in 1818 - it was in excellent order.

Hinmans About 1 P.M. went to Mr Hinman's to borrow his harrow - lent it me,
experiencein then he took me a few steps S. of the wood-house and related, in every
particular, a wonderful religious experience that had occurred to him
in the course of the A.M., while working on the S. end of the Fay farm
- renounced in full the Universal, plan of Salvation - had taken great
pains to inform his neighbors of it. Was rather surprised - said very
little - considered him a happy man.

Visitants Mrs Champney, accompanied by Mrs Killburn her mother made an P.M.
visit here.

Teaming THURSDAY, APRIL 29th., Fine warm day - cool breeze from the N.
for Wm Worked at teaming for Wm Haswell - Team consist
Haswell ed of horses & oxen tackled to a cart - drew 25 bushels lime from Monta-
gues kiln - and 2 loads of sand, thenfirst from the farm of uncle S. Rob
inson, where it was scarce & slow getting it - the last from below the
Leonard Robinson bridge, where it was very commodious taking it up.

Friend A.J. Haswell assisted at drawing sand - Related a very pretty
story that his father used to tell about an old lady between 80 & 90
years of age who in her active days kept journal of all her visits and
being intoruduced into the Supreme Court or some such tribunal at Bos-
ton, by that means turned a case in favor

May 1819 of a poor man who was on the point of being thrown out of a fortune of
361 from 15 to 20,000 dollars.

Neighbor William was finishing the inside work of a weaving room,
buttery &c in the S. part of his wood-house - expressed a great desire
to see some part of my Journal, to which I objected, not on account of
secrecy, but for other reasons; bad composition in particular, besides
told him it could not be interesting to him - that it was one thing over
& over again.

Well, said he, that is human life - promised no one but himself
should see it - I half way granted the favor. Past sunset when I got
home.

Father & Chauncey attended to domestic affairs - had the sheep and
lambs up for examination - spoke highly of the latter.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30th Warm and pleasant, wind N.W. Smoky
Woods were burning in Glastenbury
Sowing Father & myself spent the day sowing plaster. Chauncey ploughed & har-
plaster rowed with horses, which finished sowing oats.
Sowing oats The ground is along the W. side of the lane where the old log house
finished stood in which I was born. See Sept 1st 1817 - p.25.

SATURDAY, MAY 1st., Warm & cloudy - wind S. Continued sowing
plaster.
Horse Chauncey was sent to Col Norton's to get the plough-irons sharpened and
shoeing to get the young horse shod - returned about 1 P.M. with an account
that the irons were done, but

May 1819 that young Martin having shod the forward began with him behind. On
362 taking up one of his feet he leaped over a little on to our young friend, who flew into a most violent passion, striking him furiously with the claws of the hammer and afterwards declaring that he would do no more with him.

Upon this information we sent off the boy for Davis', where the work was performed without any difficulty. For setting the shoes asked \$00.20", which was paid in cash.

Mother & aunt Rhoda visited at Mr Martin's W. part of the town - Had old Nance & Parsons' waggon.

Vegetation Some trees had just begun to grow green - winter grain in general looked well - grass wanted rain to make it grow. - lalocks had put forth their leaves.

L.Nortons Mr Hinman's concern of mind still continued. Rogers and I visited at the Norton's. Friend Luman had a very sick horse which he very highly valued both for the harness and the saddle.

SUNDAY, MAY 2d

It rained very finely in the night, putting a bright countenance on the face of nature - Had been a warm night & continued tolerably so all day - thick & cloudy - wind S.

Wm Haff Early this morning Mr Wm Haff came up to see us accompanied friend Parsons, at whose house he & his father-in-law staid over night. He was in good health, appeared just as he always did - a good, lively character - more than 4 years since we had seen him. See March 1815.

The left Parsons' at 8 or (9 in the morning.

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Cloudy, smoky & some rain in the A.M.
P.M. pleasant - wind N.W. - Warm & very growing season.

Manure We commenced carting manure on to the planting ground. Felt fatigued & out of humor at night - Had a good many choars to attend to, cattle to fodder, calves to feed &c.

Plagues About 3 P.M. father went to the meeting house Society meeting in which the most important business performed was choosing a committee to draft a subscription for Mr Leonard.

Rogers & Robinson J. Rogers & S. Robinson Jun started together in a one-horse waggon, this morning, for Troy.
go to
Troy. Mother removed from the N. room into the kitchen

TUESDAY, MAY 4th.,

Fine, fair, smoky weather. Grain, grass & trees appeared to flourish well.

Hinman's This morning we were called over to Mr Hinmans', to assist, with horse others, at raising his horse, which, during the night, had, unfortunately, cast himself, by getting his left hind foot caught in a rope that was wound round his neck, by which, however, he was not made fast to anything. It was supposed the creature did it in attempting to scratch his head. After turning him over we concluded not to raise him, but that the better method was, to rub his limbs & other parts & apply warm vinegar - which was accordingly done, and the poor beast in the course of a few hours obtained relief.

This was done by Mr Glea-

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May 1819 son. We pursued the business stated above - made warm work of it too.
 364 Friend Rogers arrived from Troy past sun-set, had good luck.
 Mrs Duncan came down at eve'g on a visit.
 Mrs Batt Mrs Batt spent the P.M. here gaily.
 Sally went to Parson's to watch with T. Towsley.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th., Quite warm, indeed very warm, grow'g season.
 Fair, a little smoky - w'd S. at night.

Completed the business as it regards the field W. of the barn, commenced on the 3d.
 Chauncey was sick.

E. Bird Mr Enoch Bird called upon us - we were pleased to see him. At evg
 walked to town with our friend - sold to Merrill and Fassett 14lb 6 oz
 Butter butter - rec'd cash \$2.38" - also rec'd from Wm Haswell \$2.00 in cash
 sold to for working there on the 29th ult.

M & F Waited sometime for friend Erastus at Haswell's where he was plas-
 tering, then left him at supper & came back to Fassett's - took a glass
 Accounts of beer - waited yet a good while for our fr'd - getting impatient
 settled walked down to Swift & Pickett's and there settled accounts in full
 at with N. Edgerton, paid him 92 cents which he received for Dr Swift as
 Swift's Clerk.

By calling a few moments at Patchins' to play on Frank Blackmer's
 new flute lost the company of Bird, & Montague who came away without me

It was excellent doings for farmers - Land was never in finer or-
 derto receive seed.

May 1819 THURSDAY, MAY 6th., Very warm all day, but near night a sudden
 365 change happened - grew cold fast - Snow had
 now about disappeared on the E. mountain. Mr Hinman came over accompa-
 Snow nied by Capt Park Brown & young Sam - to the former of whom (E) Mr H.
 Capt introduced us. We found him to be a very entertaining, agreeable &
 P. Brown. intelligent man. We worked with 2 teams, plowing planted ground - the
 Ploughing. near ox complained of the heat - was in bad plight.

T. Towsley visited here this P.M. Red plums were in blossom.

FRIDAY, MAY 7th., Cool and unpleasant - cloudy and windy from
 the E. Pursued ploughing & spreading manure
 which we finished in this field (See p. 292, Nov 12th)

Bird Mr Bird, having paid us a friendly visit, departed this morning,
 for Hadley, M's where he calculated to set up the potter's trade in
 company with young man of his acquaintance coming on from Rutland, Vt.
 Mr Brown stated that his father had died on the 6th or 7th of March
 1818 See p. 5 August 2d.

Brown
 Bird?

SATURDAY, MAY 8th., Chilly wind from the S., cloudy in part, or say
 flying clouds. Friend Jonathan and myself
 worked at ridging for planting - had 2 teams - the sick ox performed
 middling well. Our ground was in prime order - having been ploughed in
 the fall, again this spring, and now ridged, pretty well manured.

Brush Father in the A.M. having repaired and made brush fence to guard
 fence Hinman's Indian field against our cattle, assisted by Gleason, P.M. made
 & planted the garden - the latter business he performed himself only ex-
 cept being assisted by the ladies. The hay on hand reached across the
 Hay & W. way, about 12 ft wide and about 4-1/2 high. Of old wood there re-
 Wood mained nearly half of a double pile. See p. For stock see p.

May 1819 366 SUNDAY, May 9th., Cloudy, cool & dull - Rainy from 11 A.M. till evening - wind E.
 Leonard the Minister Intended to read a good deal, but was so dull & had so much writing to do that I partially fail.
 Mr Leonard, they said preached; Father & Montague went to hear him

MONDAY, MAY 10th., Continued rainy - wind E. cool - grass & grain appeared to flourish. Worked at fences rain or shine. Chauncey fished with Hinman's boys in Jewett's brook, caught none worth mentioning, came home & steered for town - bo't him a new napt hat of F. Clark for \$2.50 - paid down.
 Chauncey new hat Foddering Vegetation We regularly foddered our team & cows, a custom that had not been discontinued the present season. The west pasture as well as other plastered lands began to look very handsome.

TUESDAY, MAY 11th., Rainy till P.M. - cloudy P.M. - Not so cold, as some E. storms. Repaired fences - prepared for planting .
 Carried to Fassett and rec'd 2 dolls 50" for 15 lbs butter.
 Left 2 cheeses at J.F.Hicks' weighing together 42 lbs.
 Growing season tho' unpleasant.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th., Cool in the morning, but fair - wind E.
 Corn planted Planted corn. Mr Hinman sent on Mr Gleason and his son George to assist, in the P.M.
 Aunt Rhoda went with Duncan to Pownal.
 Rodney Montague arrived from Wilmington direct.

May 1819 367 We turned away our oxen, horses & cows to pasture. They had eaten hay very well hitherto. I shall exhibit a list of all the live stock on the farm when time permits. Plum blossoms were out in full. We sent out to Cows out pasture Vail's to inform friend Erastus of his brother's arrival. Dama watched Rodney at Mr Clark's. Mrs C. & one of the twin girls were sick with the fever, Montague also Mrs Dexter.

Corn planted. THURSDAY, MAY 13th., Fair - cool in the morning - wind E. We finished planting corn - Planted most of the potatoes
 Potatoes also One piece remained yet to be planted with that root - Plastered the main part of what was done this day. Mr Gleason and G.Hinman assisted.
 Gleason, Seve5al loads of manure were carted out in the P.M. after the potatoes
 G.Hinman were dropped, which, by the way, I ploughed in, in the usual way.

FRIDAY, MAY 14th., Flying clouds - wind E. - warm at intervals, not so cold as many E. blows that many times visit us at this season. Most of the day spent in co. with father drawing Basswood boards away the bass stuff lately sawed at Olin & Colvin's. It made 2 good P.377 cart loads which were drawn by horses & oxen, delivered at E.Waters' Chauncey shop. Chauncey worked for Mr Hinman. About this time the bob o'lincoln Bob o'lincoln took up his summer residence here.

SATURDAY, MAY 15th., Cloudy, some rainy, wind E. - not very cool.
 Work at Hinmans We all worked at Hinman's, some planting, other carting manure.
 Mr Gleason, father, Parsons & myself planted corn.

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The field in which we worked lies N. of the tan-brook pasture - sown in 1816 by Dimmick with wheat & rye but no crop ensued. Mr H. in 1818 occupied the W. end with corn of which he raised a good crop, at the same time sowing the other part with spring grain of which very little grew to reap. It was on this latter division that we operated. As to plowing, it was badly ridged up out of whole cloth, which made our guests that happened there in the course of the day, stare.

W.Green
& others

Mr Willard Green Jun, Capt Fry, Eli Carpenter, who wanted to purchase cows, and a Mr Sterns from Hoosick severally passed through the field and were strangers to this mode of doing business and were prejudiced against it.

Mr H's boys, Parsons' apprentice and Chauncey shoveled manure - Mr H. carted it.

Goods bo't

Cousin S. Robinson Jun went from here this morning. The full am't of S. Robinson's goods bo't of him on credit was \$21.22

son Jr

Last night Wallace's & Swift & Pickett's stores were broken open and rifled of property to a considerable amount.

Stores broken open

Let me here mention that the present season commenced with the New store opening of a new store owned by Henry & Isaac Robinson on the ground where their father's office stood, lately Pickett's store. They also new estab bo't the N. end of the brick house lately owned by the Griswold heirs.

lishments.

J.H. Hicks by means of his father-in-law was comfortably lodged in the old Dewey Tavern mansion, late McEwen & Hubbell's. All or the principal part of the out-buildings belonging to this establish't were retained by the Dewey heirs. Mr Pickett had some few weeks since bo't the Dr Lyman stand & entered into partnership with Dr Swift in dry goods, drugs & medicines.

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Dan Case this night finished our white-washing for which he demanded & rec'd pay - 9/0- of which 50" was in cash. Our ladies had now completed house-cleaning.

I noticed a few days since that winter grain in general looked well. I must now remark that our grain promised hardly a middling crop

SUNDAY, MAY 16th

Heavy dark clouds sailed from the S.E. looked likely to rain and did rain before night.

Pursued writing pretty busily - considerably for Jonathan.

Montague

Lent Montague \$4.00 in money.

Dr Swift visited mother who was down again, having taken cold.

MONDAY, MAY 17th.,

The wind continued blowing from the E. till 8 or 9 in the morning - then changed to N.W. - rained 3 or 4 hours - cloudy & cool all the P.M.

Our business was in the A.M. getting our manure and P.M. laying over fence E. of the lane alongside the Little Meadow. It had stood rebuilt 20 years without being taken down to the foundation.

Capt Brown

Capt Brown & Sam tarried here. R. Montague returned here from R. Montagu Salem, N.Y. Mrs Clark's life was considered in great danger.

Mrs Clark

We made a computation of the whole of our live stock, which amounted to about \$1,000.

Debts due against us\$ 526.00

Produce sold, 1818-19 322.00

Cash rec'd since Aug't 3 1818 234.75

do paid out in the same time 297.64

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STATEMENT respecting the Property of B. HARWOOD.
May 17th., 1819

Debts and Demands as far as can be ascertained:	
Notes given S. Brown, deceased, as stated p. 372.....	\$242.28
do E. Montague, March 27th - princ'l & int	71.71
do do Settlement of accounts	
do Apl 9 1818 with int.	15.65
do David Robinson Sen Oct 18 1816 - with int..	25.87
Land unpaid for - supposed to be	8.00
Sophia Waters' note, dated Feb 4 1817 int $1.41\frac{3}{4}$ - \$11.50.	12.91
Note given Lem Leach, dated March 13 1819	10.23
Account with S. Pickett, estimated at	30.00
do S. Robinson Jun	21.19
do R. P. Hart & Co.	3.00
do Dr Swift, estimated	60.00
Mr Marsh's salary tax	6.00
Account with Capt Hills, estimated	5.00
Huntington - of Shaftsbury, use of horse - see memoranda	3.00
Account with Capt Norton & Sons - estimated	12.00
do Olin & Colvin for sawing	6.65
	\$ 523.49
Duento B. Harwood from Rogers & others	18.88
	\$ 504.61

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LIVE STOCK owned by B. HARWOOD.

2 Oxen	75.00
8 Cows - valued at \$30. pr head	240.00
4 do at \$25. do	100.00
4 Heifers at \$20. do	80.00
36 Sheep at \$3 do 15 lambs included	108.00
5 Yearlings at \$10 do	50.00
6 Calves at \$4. do	24.00
<u>65</u>	\$ 677.00
2 Working horses (bay horse & young Nancy)	150.00
2 colts, grey, 3 yrs old, Flag O' truce do	100.00
1 do yearling	25.00
2 old mares, Jenny of no value, Nancy at	16.00
<u>7</u>	291.00
4 Yearling hogs, including 9 fine pigs	32.00
<u>76</u> Add this last to the footings above & it is	1,000.00
The farm 160 acres, worth say \$5000 & other property.	
	5200.00
	6200.00
Subtract debts	504.61
And there remains at our disposal	\$5695.39

May 1819 TUESDAY, May 18th.,
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The weather changed - grew cool, wind W. or N.W. Clouds which about 11 A.M. began to rain - continued raining more or less till late at night, became very cold & I presume snowed on the mountains.

Settlement We, this morning, settled with Capt Park Brown administrator on the with Capt estate of the late Samuel Brown deceased. We exhibited an account of S. Brown \$18.01 against said estate which was readily allowed - infavor of the estate, due from us, was the am't of \$25.46 interest, on two notes, the one given June 3d 1816, for \$50.00 - the other May 10th 1817 for \$184.83.

Subtracting the account from the interest, left due \$7.45 the whole of which in the course of the day was paid to Capt Brown, with whom a regular settlement in every respect was made.

The annual am't of interest on both notes was reckoned at \$14.09 Three years interest was due on the \$50 note - I mention it the better to be understood.

Mr B. we found to be a very pretty man to transact business with.

This business being finished we went to work, on a piece of ground allotted for planting potatoes, the present season - had the manure spread, about which Rogers' apprentice assisted - nearly compleated plowing it with 2 teams, then it set in to rain, unharnessed & unyoked teams, fled to the house - there entertained Mr Bisby the butcher awhile who was very sociable. P.M. between 30 & 40 bbls of potatoes were

May 1819 carried out of the cellar to the barn ready to plant. Towards night
373 sent all the wheat on hand, little more $6\frac{1}{2}$ bbls to mill - meantime sold 12 lbs butter to Fassett & rec'd cash \$2.00 - sold between 19 & Cash recd 20 lbs do to D. Clark on credit. At J. K. Hick's by the hand of Ch. of Fassett Hicks rec'd pay in full for 42 lbs cheese - \$3.50

& Hicks This day came to live with Jonathan Rogers, Henry De Bar, aged Henry de about 17 years, to learn the shoe-making business.

Bar. This evening wrote the main part of a letter to Gid. Smedley of Litchfield, C't informing him how we were etc.

Chauncey at Let it be mentioned that Mr Kent had Chauncey Chauncey to assist Kents him 2 or three hours ploughing his garden.

The last settlement with Mr Brown is recorded p. 199.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th., Very, extremely cold in the morning, mountains white from their summits to a considerable dis

Cold tance down their sides with snow, and it lay without being much disturbed all day - cloudy & cool through the day - wind chilly from N.W.

Bliss' Father & myself spent the A.M. in the woods getting out red oak timber for bar-posts.

garden P.M. about 3 o'clock went to plough Mr Bliss' garden at Cook Castle, which employed me till near sun-set and then went to mill.

plowed Capt Brown did not start this day as he had proposed to do.

Mrs Clark continued a very sick person. B. informed me a little respecting his brother & sisters of whom he was the youngest, born Sept., I think, he said, 1760.

The roads were now in a bad state, required large repairs.

May 1819 THURSDAY, MAY 20th., Frosty and extremely cold till past nine A.M.
 374 P.M. grew much more pleasant, flying clouds
 wind N.W. Snow lay on the mountains all the morning, but P.M. vanished
 Cold We planted the ground mentioned above with potatoes, covered them with
 Potatoes the plough as usual, finished them off compleat.
 Capt Brown, with his nephew Samuel, started for Southbury, Conn.,
 Lent money by whom the letter to Smedley was forwarded.
 rec'd Friend Erastus rode away intending to be absent till Saturday night
 On the 18th rec'd \$1.00 of that money lent him on the 16th.
 I have commoitted a mistake for writing for Wednesday & Thursday -
 Plaister That day in A.M. sowed plaister on all the spring grain, flax and some
 sown. part of the meadow lands - The A.M. of this day was employed in getting
 out timber for bar-posts.

FRIDAY, MAY 21st., I was not quite correct in stating that there
 Beans & was frost on the 20th. This morning it was
 cucumbers frosty, but the day was tolerably pleas't - flying clouds - wind N.
 planted We set bean-poles, planted beans, cucumber & musk melon seeds &c.
 Begin to On the 20th Lydia began making cheese - the calves were turned away
 make to pasture.
 cheese Mr Martin, Mrs M. & Mrs Gleason came here on a visit - the former
 Mr Martin entertained us with an account of various mechanical schemes executed
 & lady by him in his younger days.
 Winter The main part of our rye looked poorly indeed - wheat not quite
 grain middling - spring grain wore a better appearance.

May 1819 SATURDAY, MAY 22nd., Fine warm, growing weather - wind S. flying
 375 clouds.
 We suppose this to be about the period when the blossoms of the
 Blossoms apple orchards were in full - and certainly we never saw trees put forth
 in greater profusion, almost every tree being loaded with them. - a
 sight exquisitely pleasing.
 Our work consisted in getting off stone from some parts of the
 meadows, and doing various little jobs at other matters, which by night
 made us quite fatigued.
 Chauncey angled in the brooks P.M., and was sick.
 Watching Lydia had watched one night at Mr Dexter's this week, & this night
 with the Sally & 'Dama went to watch with Mrs Clark, for whose life there re-
 sick. mained but a slight hope.
 A bright sun-dug appeared about 8 A.M. S. of the sun. Now look out

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd., Hazy, cloudy, chilly, wind W. or N.W. Busy,
 writing - and reading. My history brought the
 King of Prussia out of his troubles in 1757 - the same year the Duke of
 Mr Cumberland surrendered his army to the French at Closter Seven in Germa-
 Leonard ny. Mr Leonard preached. Mrs Clark not better.
 H. Parsons' wife of Hoosick very ill.

MONDAY, MAY 24th., Cloudy - chilly wind from N.W. - say S.W.
 Chauncey We drew home timber for bar-posts. Chauncey
 at Kents worked with the oxen 2 or 3 hours for Mr Kent. P.M. dug stone in the
 S.W. corner of the S.W. pasture. J. Norton Jun came up.

May 1819 to be measured for a pair of boots - we talked with him a good while
376 about farming &c.

Mrs Moseley came out from Hoosick with Mr Parsons, accompanied by
Annis her little daughter - tarried all night - brought information that cous-
Stone veryin Annis Stone was dangerously ill at Scipio, which occasioned word to
ill. be sent to aunt Stone to lose no time in returning thence.
M.Street M. Street came to see us.

TUESDAY, MAY 25th., Looked likely to rain in the morning, and so it
did, several times, in the course of the day
thundered at no great distance from us, but rained very little here.
Work at Father, myself & Mr Kent assisted Mr Hinman & had his folks at
Hinmans carting corn. Mr H. finished ridgeing & nearly all his planting, - the
Rogers' same field mentioned p. 368. A tramping Jour. came to Jonathan to be
Jour. employed - lodged here.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th., Clouds thick, angry & low in the morning. W'd
N.W. - very chilly all day, rained some in the
course of the A.M. P.M. both rained & hailed. Quite unpleasant.
Blossom The blossoms of apple trees were mostly blown off, tho' many yet
Aunt Rho- remained on. About noon father set off in the big waggon to which Mr
da departs Kent made a new bass-wood bottom this morning for Hoosick Falls with
hence. aunt Rhoda Stone who now took final leave of us to go & visit her sick
P. 258 daughter at Scipio - She left us in good spirits - expected to go to
Scipio with

May 1819 one of Mr Constock's sons of Hoosick. When father returned, which was
377 this evening, brought with him Mrs Eldred.

P.M. dispatched Chauncey with oxen & cart to get home our stone-
Stone b't boat plank at Olin & Colvin's - followed him with horse & waggon, rec'd
planks. a verbal bill of sawing of Colvin, which I think stands thus -

Bill of Bass-wood1680 feet.....\$4.15
sawing. Boat planksby the job..... 2.50 \$6.65

Loaded Chauncey off - sent him home, and myself visited cousin Ste-
Visit at phen Harwood's - he was absent washing sheep - his wife not at home -
Harwoods his daughter Eliza & a larger or much elder girl was there.

Paid a short visit to aunt Hannah and the girls - the former gave
me a brief history of her cousin Amasa Clark, who in the beginning of
his careet bo't & prepared a new place in the Susquehannah country -
sent to Colraine for his wife, who, when she came, he refused to receive
for a very good reason - &c - &c.

Returned home before sunset - bro't a grist from Safford's mill for
Waters - rye & corn 1 bhl each - Mrs Clark no better.

Jonathan this day hired a journeyman, Wm Noble, last from Lansing-
Appeal burgh. In the evening, 10 O'clock, friend Heman Robinson came in and left
bond sued the copy of a writ or summons, it being for, or on account of, being under
Hinman a \$2000 bond - dated Feby 5th., 1816 - V.4 p.77, but this thing made it
washes July 5th., 1816. Capt D. was under mistake this time.
sheep. Mr Hinman wasged sheep at a spout below Parsons'.

May 1819 Friend L. Jewett gave notice of working on the roads in this district -
378 directed us to work on the hither-end and left it to our discretion on what day.

Jewett THURSDAY, MAY 27th., Cold in the extreme - thrashing hands was no
surveyor disgrace to any man - snow lay on the moun-
Cold tains, perhaps in some places all day, cold wind from N.W. P.M. it was
less cold - Moon ran very high. A.M. cleared the orchards about the
house of brush. P.M. took down and rebuilt the rail fence, from the end
Rail fence of the post & rail wall on the E. side of the lane leading to the main
mended road, to a pair of bars beyond the little bridge.

I hunted up in my Journal the record of what occurred on that day
The Bond when my father entered under a \$2000 bond, for which he was sued last
eve'g.

Besides the above work, mending fence & - set up 2 pairs of bar-
posts and another odd one.

The said bond was entered with Mr Brown Feb'y 5th., 1816. V4 p.77

FRIDAY, MAY 28th., Very cold in the morning & some frost. P.M.
pleasant & warm except a few chilling blasts
Fence from N.W. We employed the A.M. mending rail-fence from the bars near
mended the great hole up to the farther corner of the S. meadow.

P.M. washed 35 sheep below Parsons' bridge at a spout erected by
Washed Mr Hinman, who on the 26th day fixed the place & washed sheep there.
sheep We found it very good doings - water was warm - father himself assist-
ed - had it all compleated in 2 hrs.

May 1819 De Bar & Chauncey handed the sheep to us. Mr Hinman went to look for
379 stray sheep - Parsons had his boy & team plow his garden - P. himself
holding plough. Sheep being washed - father went to splitting rails in
the wood - Myself & Chauncey set up poles with painted shingles hanging
thereon for scare-crows in the corn field.

Mrs Clark Mother rode to Waters' this P.M. & returned with news that Mrs
Clark expired about 1 o'clock P.M. in the 47th year of her age.

SATURDAY, MAY 29th., Cloudy, slight breeze from the S. signs of
rain.

The above statement respecting Mrs C. proved incorrect - mother
Mistake took it from Mrs Waters who a short time before had seen her and con-
corrected cluding that she must be near her dissolution, took a report from her,
Mrs W's children, to be fact that it had actually taken place. She
Stone boatsurvived this day past sun-set.

The A.M. was chiefly appropriated to building a stone-boat. Mr
built by Kent principal carpenter, assisted by me some, & a little in getting
Kent materials by father. The latter with Chauncey plucked steen crout
from among the rye S. of the S. meadow - Chauncey continued in that
Town employm't all day. P.M. attended a town meeting, convened for the pur-
Meeting pose of raising money to pay the debts of the town & to provide for
repairing the burying ground fence.

Without undertaking to state the substance of what was said & who
were speakers I shall only mention that Mr Daniel Breckenridge was
app'd Moderator - the Clerk read over the last report of the committee
at the last meeting, by which it appeared that in

May 1819 1818 the am't of taxes voted was about \$1500 & the expenses about \$1700
380 - which left the town in debt as reported \$236. But, independent of this, it was found that orders were out against the town to the amount of more \$200. These orders, most of them had been lodged in attorneys hands for collection & were actually sued, which together with costs required a tax that would raise \$500., which after a long debate was agreed to - and it was voted that $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents on the dollar should be specially appropriated for the purpose of paying these debts of the town, said tax to be made up separately by itself from that voted at the last meeting, the Constable & Treasurer to register all the orders taken up, which the committee appointed to settle with the selectmen & Treasurer are to exhibit in their next annual report.

Mr Patchin over-reached himself in talking of this affair - proposing to have the tax made up & collected within 60 days '''

Respecting the burying ground a sum not exceeding \$15.00 was placed at the disposal of the Selectmen for repairing the fence, to be drawn from the sum raised for the support of the poor, who the present year were kept for \$20.00 less than that sum.

Meeting adjourned about 6 o'clock P.M.

Capt D. Mrs Clark still alive, tho' no hope of her living any length of time remained. I saw by permission of cousin U.M. Robinson the bond, entered into, Feby 5th., 1816 - Talked with him touching Mrs A. Hinman's Robinsons will &c. Capt D. Robinson informed us he should not pursue the prosecution commenced on the 26th. Perhaps he had discovered his mistake as at p. 377

May 1819 SUNDAY, MAY 30th Cloudy, & it rained some, but very little - wind SE
381 Rain was now wanting, to invigorate the drooping grain & grass. However, meadows and pastures wore a pretty good countenance - only wanted rain to refresh them - corn had been much retarded by the late cold nights & mornings.

Vegetation Spent great part of the day arranging what is recorded, ps 170 & 171. Read more again of the amazing exploits of the King of Prussia in 1757-8.

Death of Mrs Clark Mr Bliss & Mr Clark paid us a visit this P.M. - reported that Mrs C. still lived - but when father had returned from church she had just resigned her breath. Thus was called out of existence a fine woman who had done everything a woman could do to maintain her family, & was the principal support of the younger ones not old enough to live abroad; kept them decently clothed, schooled and every way comfortable - She was pleasant & agreeable - gained the esteem & friendship of all who know her. The disease of which she died was the prevailing typhus fever which had visited her neighbors so generally. She had visited the sick a great deal during the winter - her son Franklin had but lately recovered from an attack of that disorder & one of her twin daughters also had it. Her age is mentioned page 379 - left a husband, 3 sons & 4 daughters, the youngest being twins aged 5 years. The eldest of the family, Horatio Jr was in his ... year. Mrs C's mother was yet living

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Dan Case came here towards night and Rec'd on Montagues' account some small articles of provision for his family - the former worked for the latter in Shaftsbury.

Dan Case

Lent M. 50 cents in cash which I suppose he paid to Dan. Montague had paid up all that he borrowed on the 16th inst., of which three dollars he paid to Huntington of Shaftsbury for use of stud horse in 1818.

Montague

MONDAY, MAY 31st., Thick clouds from S.E. Looked likely to rain and did rain some.

Highway
work

We worked on the highway till past 2 P.M. between Parsons' & Hinmans' - had Chauncey, Henry DeB. horses, oxen, cart, plow & other tools - supposed ourselves entitled to \$3.25 credit. It was now that they began in their Surveyors bills to reck. labor on the rods by the hour - allowing for a man 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ pr hour

Mrs C's
funeral

P.M. 3 o'clock the funeral of Mrs Clark was attended - Mr Leonard preached from Job 14th 10th V. if I mistake not - his principal argument went to show the immortality of the soul, which, according to his theory, immediately after death enters the mansions of eternal happiness or the regions of endless misery, according to its deserts - there to await the day of judgement when the last trump shall sound, and all flesh shall know the Lord.

Sueing
business

The solemn scene being closed - visited the hill - then came down to the old Judge Smith house - there walked into the apartment of friend H. Hall, partner with Carter in the law - showed him that summons mentioned on the 26th - p.377 - expecting to find a flaw in it, but on looking it over found the mistake was in me - having read it wrong - I tho't Capt. D. had blundered in drawing the writ & instead of writing Feb'y 5th had written July 5th, but he was correct as to that

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Mr H. agreed with me that it was an unjust thing sueing Mr B's bail - mentioned several circumstances favorable to his side &c.

Conversa-
tion with
D.Hubbell

Came down to the late Capt Dewey's seat, formerly the property of B. Fassett - and found friend D. Hubbell repairing the fence S. side of the garden, having 2 men at work with him, talked with him sometime on old affairs & other every day subjects - informed me that his cousin Hiram Nichols a few years since had been married to a lady worth about \$15,000 and now, or at the last date he had heard from him - kept the Auction store in Montreal L. Canada. D.H. said he was in his 30th year - Nicholl's in his 31st. - With the above personages Mr D. Robinson - Henry H. Robinson & others I attended a good school kept in the old Academy in 1797 by a Mr Herbert, then but 19 years of age if my memory be correct.

Little
Ball

In the evening we had one of our old fashioned little dances at the other house in spinning apartment - M. Street & sister D. being the ladies - Jonathan & Wm Noble, his jour, being gentlemen - myself coarse musician.

At pages 363, 363 I mentioned two desperate horse cases, which shortly after proved mortal.

Training

TUESDAY, JUNE 1st Had rained considerably in the night - rained fast by turns till past 10 A.M. - continued moderate & cloudy all day. Our annual training was duly attended. Capt Pratt's company assembled at the usual place (in front of the meeting house) and performed pretty well - there was a large number present - the New Militia Act was read - a 4th Corp'l was chosen, viz David Love.

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Had decent music, to which the bass drum made great addition. Mr Lucius Adams of Algiers was at my left, & Charles Barney at my right hand, most of the day - Eli Carpenter covered me.

Our commissioned officers were all present. The independent companies, or I might say, volunteer companies looked small but nevertheless made a fine martial appearance. Lieutenant Hall in consequence of the indisposition of Capt Breckenridge commanded the W. company which did honor to itself & the officers.

Our company was much more numerous than any of the rest - was said to be composed of the best looking men - were tolerably equipped, tho' I am sorry to say many came on without equipage whatever - this was the case with our friend D. Love, but notwithstanding that, obtained an honorable station.

A few appeared with every article requisite for actual service - among others was Sam Crawford who had his canteen full of rum.

I don't think our maneuvering could equal that of the West company - why it was so is not for me to decide.

All the meadows in general now began to look beautifully, but nothing equalled, not did I ever see such extraordinary comeliness as was exhibited in the clover fields both sides of the road S. of Gen Robinson's house, where the clover formed a perfect mat it was so luxurious in its growth - the corn had come up fit to hoe - potatoes also were shot above the surface - this was seen in a little yard N. of Capt'n Squires' establishment, - his garden was in fine order - had cucumber vines of considerable size under glasses - all this I saw & much more - amen.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2d It was warm and cool alternately - cloudy - wind N. most of the day - thundered in the P.M. - rained

Highway
work

here a short time late P.M. Worked again on the road - except horses - had the same strength as on Monday. Parsons attended us until about 1 o'clock P.M. and then rode off full trot up his N. hill for the furnace - our labor was bestowed on the old Dr Fay hill which we found in a poor

Dr Swifts
bargain

state. Dr Swift & Capt M. Robinson rode past us this morning the former informed us that he had bought of V. D. Speigle 24 acres of the Capt Dewey farm adjoining his home lot S. & W. of the house, but had not procured a deed.

Parsons

apprentice

L. Staughton brought to Parsons' an apprentice boy named Hiram Potter from Pownal. Mr Hinman & Mr Gleason were laying over old fence W. side of the road by the side of the Fay meadow - While it rained we all went together into the habitation of Mr Kent - saw an old singing book belonging to Mr K. Dana rode in P's waggon to Sam Scott's & bro't thence Lucy Street who was in ill health. Mrs Street had made a very good visit here M.S. cheered us with her jovial shots. Mr Paul Atwood went past us, had some conversation with my father - his business was settling his brothers estate.

Highway
tour

THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd Dark, Cool morning - flying clouds - wind N.W. Finished our highway tour with the like assistance mentioned above - our road tax amounted to \$11. This morning three lawyers

finished
Lawyers

passed on towards Pownal to attend a suit at

Jun 1819 Whipple's Tavern - they were Judge Fay, Capt D. Robinson & Col Merrill.
386 Capt David gave his word of honor that he would proceed no further with
Law suit the business commenced on 26th ult.

quashed Mr Young was said to have preceded the above Gen't on the road to
Pownal - the whole were followed by John H. Olin and Samuel Fay, Sheriff,
at considerable distance in the rear.

J. Norton Jr J. Norton Jun with his brother Buel rode through Tan-brook in a double
wagon, on their return had with them a bureau, table & stand.

Mrs Mrs Champney bro't home a piece of tow cloth she had just wove con-
Champney sisting of 29 yards at 0/6 pr yard.

Sheep FRIDAY, JUNE 4th., Cloudy and tolerably warm - wind S.W. We sheared
shearing sheep - Mr Gleason took off 23 and father 12 fleeces
which would average $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs a piece.

Cattle Latter part of the day spent in hunting for 2 black two year old
found heifers which were found - the one in the woods, the other among capt
Norton's cattle. Saw & conversed with the capt N. sometime - Chauncey
was with me. It rained some this P.M. - A growing season.

BATURDAY, JUNE 5th Very warm and clear - wind S.W.

A.M. worked at digging stone in the place mentioned
p. P.M. father went to a drawing bee, which was nothing less than a
fruitless attempt made by Crawford & to move Capt Dewey's new
corn house for V.D. Speigle - totally failed.

Chauncey & myself drove 34 sheep & 15 lambs to Mr Weeks'

Jun 1819 to be pastured there on the terms mentioned p. Since the 17th May one
387 of our sheep had died, but another lamb had replaced it - which with its
Sheep dam we kept at home. There were now on hand 35 sheep & 16 lambs.

driven to Saw J. Crawford Jun at Weeks' shearing sheep - the boys were assist-
Weeks' ing - Came home by way of cousin Stephen Harwoods - thence to Websters -
then across the Pratt farm & over Green's enclosures - across Hinmans rye
by Kents.

A drunken character lay here all night.

Wm Noble Mr Noble had now finished his tour of work for friend Jonathan.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th Extremely warm indeed - wind moderately N. Read
Smollett respecting English affairs in the forepart
of the year 1758 - expeditions against France and the taking of Louis-
burgh - Cape Breton.

Towards evening Sarah & I visited Parsons' folks - Mr N. Eldred &
lady were there - said they had spent the preceding week at Hoosick -
that aunt Stone did not leave there till the 1st ins't & that Mr H.P.'s
Letter to wife was getting better.

H. Taylor Wrote a friendly letter to cousin Henry Taylor of Pittsfield - then
we walked with 'Dama & Miss Towsley visiting at Gleasons. Mr G. had
Gleason's just returned from visiting, with Mrs G., his daughter in Hoosick - and
brothers also learned the death of his brother at a raising in Richland, Pa.
death Friend Noble was here a part of the day.

Death of Died this P.M. of a short illness which first appeared in his great
P. Scott toe and terminated in mortification, Mr Phineas Scott aged about 75 -
long a respectable citizen of this town.

Jun 1819 MONDAY, JUNE 7th Very warm but there was more air in circulation
388 than on the 6th. A short thunder shower happened
about 5 P.M. after which it was considerably cooler - wd N. - a fine
growing season - The W. mountain was green to its summit.
Hoeing Hoed corn which looked well. Mr Hinman, Mr Gleason and Burton
were all here from ' A.M. till noon P.M. the two former attended Mr
Scott's funeral, the latter continued with us till the shower came up -
H.Parsons same part of the day Harry Parsons' horse here on Hinman's account.
Chauncey exchanged places with Burt - drove team in the Indian field
Mr Bliss for George Hinman. Mr Bliss & friend Harry assisted us likewise.
Friend Jonathan app'd to have the hydrophobia- hypo -
Mrs Eldred Mrs Campbell Eldred paid her respects here late P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8th Another warm day - Thundered towards night, rained
considerably.
Finished hoeing corn 1st time - hoed beans in the garden.
Harness Late P.M. carried harness to Hicks' to be mended. S. Robinson Jr
was there getting the top to his waggon covered.
Magnum This morning I visited at J. H. Hick's on particular business,
Bonum Mr Magnum Bonum - saw likewise a book pedlar with a book full of fine
plates. Henry D.B. helped us hoe till it rained which was about 5 PM
Clover Red clover was in blossom.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th It continued as warm as it had been the last two
days

Jun 1819 Between 3 & 4 p.m. a heavy cloud appeared in the N.W. at first it seem-
389 ed to work up this way very fast, but again it wore to the N.E. -
frequent tho' not very loud claps of thunder were constantly playing
upon the ear - at length the dread August cloud, which was suspended
low in the atmosphere, being red with the electric fluid in front began
to advance upon us most rapidly - in few moments, the wind, which had
GREAT blown from S.W. - suddenly chopped round to N.W. and came in most furi-
SHOWER ous gusts - taking down in some places trees of considerable size,
fences, & perhaps some other objects, though as far as I have heard no
serious damage had ensued - the first gust of wind was immediately suc-
ceeded by a great fall of rain, wind continuing high - & the sheets of
lightning and peals of thunder were without cessation for the space of
about two hours.

Savage's During this dreadful storm the dwelling house of Mr Edward Savage
house was struck with lightning and immediately consumed with almost every
destroyed article of household furniture, clothing, provision &c being almost
the sole property the industrious man was possessed of.

Mrs S. with her child, in the beginning of the storm had retired
to one of the neighbors, which providentially saved their lives.

This is supposed to be the first instance of a dwelling house
being struck, or any way injured by lightning, in this town.

After the rain it grew cooler.

Our business in the morning was pulling up rye in the wheatfield -
remainder of the day repaired the stone bridge up the lane W. of the
house.

Dam - We halter broke colts towards night -

Jun 1819 THURSDAY, JUNE 10th It was comparatively cool all day - cloudy in the
390 morning - fair P.M. - wind N.W.

About 8 in the morning business called us to capt Norton's where the
S.Cady honorable Dr Sul. Cady operated on three male colts.

Buckley Squire presented a subscription paper for the relief of Mr
Subscrip- Savage, to which we signed \$5.00 to be paid in produce - there were
tions for many signatures and considerable sums subscribed - Capt N. & Sons sign-
Savage ed \$15.00

Mr S. is an industrious, good citizen - a correct house joiner &
carpenter - generally esteemed & respected wherever known - his wife
a prudent & industrious woman, is the only daughter of Mr Joseph Norton
- was married to Mr S. some 5 or 6 years since.

These folks are aged about 30.

Colts We tied 2 colts to the hind end of the cart - came back with but
one in that way, the other we led by hand - the former was a yearling
& very stuffy - but this method of halter-breaking is the best I know
of.

We finished repairing our bridge and ended the day digging stone
W. of the rocks.

Angling Henry & Chauncey went down to uncle S. Robinson's angling - caught
a goodly number of little fishes.

'Dama & Lucy Street rode out in Mr Brown's one horse waggon.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th The wind blew chilly from the S. all day -
Cloudy, rained a little - looked black & heavy in
Walling the N.W. Worked with father & Chauncey at walling back of the rocks.
Friend Erastus arrived from Col Cross's - Shaftsbury

Jun 1819 SATURDAY, JUNE 12th., Thundered early in the morning - rained nearly
391 the whome a.m. - wind N. p.m. cloudy & foggy-
rained fine. Fine growing season. Not much work going on. Weighed the
Wool, wood of which there was in the rough 87½ lbs.

how much Father was ill - I set out scantling for framing a gate and bored
the mortices reading for beating out.

Kent Mr Kent came over and made cheese tongs.

I had Parsons' waggon to go to Hicks' to get our harness, which was
well repaired by J. Hicks for \$1.50 - took the neck-yoke from Davis' -
he was not there - Saw uncle S. Robinson who had a sore hand, which he
said was getting better - Fassett wanted more cheese - Harry Robinson
appeared to be in good spirits.

Thief Saw Wallaces' prisoner in irons - he talked like a man of 50 or
taken more - was taken with the goods upon him in or near Hudson, N.Y. was
examined here before a Justice and committed for trial.

Wool to Carried wool to L. Adams' machine to be carded.

be carded Saw Mr G. Godfrey, J. Pratt, B. Pratt, H. Hull & others in the road
by Joe. Lyons' - talked about jail birds a good deal.

Came home with Dama who had her bonnet fixed at Miss S. Dewey's -
and Hiram Waters, who staid here all night, as did Mr Noble from town.
Worked with Mr Collier

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th Cool and pretty fair - wind N. Montague & Noble
broke fast here this morning with us - Read more of
English history which traced the operations of armies in Germany - 1758
felt extremely dull & disposed to sleep. P. Smith came up to see Montague

Jun 1819 this evening - related some abominable wicked practices committed by his
392 in-human mother-in-law.
P.Smith A hedgehog was killed by several of the neighbors this side Gleasons
as they were going to meeting. L.Norton attended public service this
day.

Wool MONDAY, JUNE 14th Coolish, hazy towards night - wind N.E. The main
carded business was the same as on Friday, p.390
M & L Jonathan oiled our harness - Chauncey had the young mare shod at M.Nor-
Street ton's 2d and bro't home rolls from L. Adams machine. M. Street came
here to work. L. her sister went to Mr Scott's on Sunday.

Magnum-bonum TUESDAY, JUNE 15th Pretty warm - wind S. cloudy, rain expected. Work
as above. Chauncey visited with two ancient ladies
Mr Bonum in like manner as I did p. 388 one of which was the same over
again.

Cash recd At night Jonathan & I rode in the double waggon drawn by the young
horse & young mare, to Fassett's - took of him \$1.32½ for 16 lbs old
cheese - Rec'd in full of Darius Clark for butter \$1.00 in cash p.375

Drove to capt Norton's and borrowed his waggon chain and 2 buffaloe
skins to go to Williamstown with.

Norton & Between 9 & ten in the eve'g Mr Jo Norton drove up in great bluster
Montague ation with f'd Montague intending to drive yet to some part of Cam-
bridge, N.Y. before they halted, but on our shewing them the absurdity
of prosecuting with hazardous business in the dark - had their horses
put up & went themselves to bed.

Jun 1819 These men did not occupy their pillows long - arose at 2 in the morning
393 and cleared in a waggon for Cambridge where Montague intended to work
at a job with Old Boss Goode.

Philander This P.M. there came here Philander Clark, a cousin of my father's
Clark on his mother's side - was the son of capt Matthew Clark late of Colrain
Ms - lost both his parents in the early part of 1813 - was now in the
37th year of his age as he stated - unfortunate in the intemperate use
of ardent spirits. Poor man' I fear he will always have associates
enough - There appeared nothing ugly in the creature. - had a good heart
& kind disposition.

Lent money. This eve'g Montague paid me 50" borrowed money.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 Continued warm in the extreme - tolerably warm at
night - wind S.W.

Wmstown Father, myself 'Dama, Sally and young Adeline started for Wmstown
visit Ms. on board the big waggon - 2 wag. cchairs, one of which with 2 buffa-
les was borrowed of capt N. - had not gone far when our pleasure was
much disturbed by the breaking down of the borrowed chair - halted at Mr
House's - called for hammer & nails to repair damagges - drank some water
- fastened the loose leg - the ladies, who had alighted, and seen friend
Lydia H., Polly & Emily Scott, having again resumed their seats, went
on again.

In the midst of prospects the most pleasing, where the fine fields
of grain & smiling meadows covered with blooming clover & every kind of
grass natural to them, yield-

Jun 1819 ing a rich and most delicious fragrance, were meeting the eye in constant
394 succession - the ladies chair again failed & crippled to the floor -
Called at the inn, formerly Blackington, baited - the ladies rested, had
something to take, carried the chair to a neighboring one-horse waggon
maker & had it repaired for 25 cents. This was a Mr Brown with whom we
talked considerably of buying a waggon - he told a good story - for cash
he said he'd sell one at \$60.00. Without further interruption we safely
arrived at Dr F. Porter's, about 1/2 past 2 P.M. - found them well - the
doctor at home - having dined we arose from table and attended divine
service in the meeting house beyond the doctor's garden.

A good number of ladies attended, the gentlemen were comparatively
few.

Elder
Leland

Elder Leeland preached frommainly shewing that
virtue of every kind is not hereditary - He handled the subject handsome-
ly - allowed that many of the heathen might be saved &c. In my opinion
the Elder committed one grand fault, in keeping his hearers there so long
the weather being intensely hot so that a man could not help sweating
sitting still almost as bad as if he were mowing.

The meeting house in which this assemblage convened had stood 11
years in an unfinished state - nothing more done than covering it outside
- erecting a sort of cage instead of a pulpit & a flooring of loose
boards below & a few temporary benches fitted up for the benefit of the
hearers was all the accommodations this holy house could boast - but
indeed these were good enough for its vile tenants all things considered

The doctor stated that since it was first built a number of the
subscribers who were chiefly congregationalists had fallen off

Jun 1819 and joined other societies, which was the reason why it stood thus.
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After service returned to the doctor's where Elder L. gratified us
a short time with his company & conversation - and then with his lady
withdrew.

We amused ourselves in a pleasing and useful manner viewing the
buildings, picket fences with stone posts, the grand door-step in one
solid stone formed by nature for that purpose, there never having been
the least necessity for the use of the chisel upon it - was removed the
distance of about 2 miles on 2 pairs of cart wheels drawn by 8 or 9 yoke
of oxen, placed at his door for the sum of \$15.00 & 1 gal'n of rum -
being judged to weigh about 4 tons - viewing his 20 cows which composed
his dairy, of which 2 at present had calves - the dairy apparatus, the
great rich & fine made cheeses, & his books, not those peculiarly be-
longing to his profession, for they are but dry stuff even to students,
but such numbers as he had need-ef rec'f of the Encyclopoedia - read some
and retired to our lodgings.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17th It was a little cloudy, but not so as to obscure the
sun materially - hazy towards night & most intensely
hot day night - wind S.W. Mrs Porter, our cousin, was early & actively em-
ployed in her dairy room, the hired man with the little milkers were put
to their daily task, drawing the precious liquid from the teats of the
honest & careless looking cows. Having examined the brooks, broke fast, &
talked of this, that & the other we walked out to catch our horses - cross-
ed that branch of Green river which runs thro' the Doctors farm, he being
in company, & advanced the S. end of a long pasture which stretched to a
road running from E. to W. beyond which his land goes to the top of a
neighboring mount'n

Jun 1819 where he told us, in winter he ran wood down a ditch prepared for the
396 purpose - near sd road were found the horses which we returned with and had them harnessed ready for action - soon got on board & sailed, compliments previously exchanged, for the N. p't of the town.

I must not quit the doctor without mentioning that in every respect he & his lady treated us in a very friendly agreeable manner, neither using excessive, stiff & distant compliments nor descending to low, churlish coarse familiarity, but on the contrary everything was conducted with plainness & simplicity - In his hall is a good place to play on the flute $\frac{3}{4}$ I tried it -

At Mr L. Smedley's they were in usual health - found him and his 2 sons L. Jun & Sam. hoeing corn - visited awhile here and at Mr Elijah S's where we next went, he with his eldest son and 2 other boys were building board fence - from this went, having dined at Mr L's, to Professor Dewey's.

It must be understood that it was only father & myself that visited here or at E.S's - Dama being so unwell as to be unable to walk so far. Cousin Sally entertained us very cheerfully, though her children were much out of health, having bad colds which seemed to act as a kind of distemper. While she and father discoursed together by her permission I examined the Encyclopoedia and other books in which there were some fine engravings - the Professor was sent for, who in a little time appeared - talked a few moments & then took us to his laboratory, a small building a little distance S.E. of the new college, where he exhibited many great natural curiosities chiefly of the fossile & mineral kind - there were not wanting several artificial curiosities consisting mostly of glass & iron ves-

Jun 1819 sold used in trying experiments. From thence he waited upon us to an up-
397 per apartment in the college where among all other things he shewed us a round corner mirror which had a peculiar property in causing everything reflected by it, to appear most glsringly large - another glass reflected all the colors of the rainbow.

Last of all shewed us a telescope through which we had a peep at the sun - This instrument I had never before seen an onery, except in an engraving, but that which was now exhibited, was on a small scale and ancient.

We retired to the house, read some, looked at his large map of the US while conversation was carried on by the others. Supper being ready we sat down with them - this ceremony past, we in a friendly manner took our departure, having enjoyed a most agreeable visit.

On our way to Mr S's visited the college again to hear music, but there was nothing extraordinary in it - Pursued my course to Smedley's & got there after dark $\frac{3}{4}$ D. & S. felt extremely uneasy, the former went to bed sick - it was their wish to have gone home this P.M. - but we overruled - the weather being most violently hot, the thermometer standing at 88' in the shade, our visit too, imperfect were reasons why we staid. This was a very uncomfortable night on account of heat. Mrs Sheldon, formerly Miss Lydia Smedley, was here on a visit with a very small child 7 wks old Young Levi & lady had but one little girl. Mrs Dewey had 4 children - two of each sex - the youngest six months old. It was generally a health season in Wmstown - People were hoing very busily.

Jun 1819 FRIDAY, JUNE 18th Extremely warm till after the shower which came up
398 about 3 P.M. with great fury - thundered almost incessantly, one clap struck very near us in this neighborhood, or if it did not strike, broke in the air - This shower was not of long duration, the air was cooled by it, but in the eve'g it again commenced lightning in a most terrific manner & continued so the greater part of the night during which there were many heavy thunder bolts and great quantities of rain fell within a short distance of us.

Past 9 this morning left our friends in Williamstown and arrived here past 1 P.M. - found things in a regular way - the boys had done well - the rain prevented the prosecution of much business, the subsequent part of the day.

Hoeing SATURDAY, JUNE 19th Flying clouds - wind N.W. grew cool P.M. Pulled weeds out of the flax a.m. - p.m. finished hoeing the potatoes N. of the orchard - plastered them with 1 bhl plaster rec'd of Hinman for the same had borrowed - Hoed in the garden just at night &c
Birth at Early in the morning of the 18th Mrs Parsons presented her husband with
Parsons' a fine daughter.
See p.24

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th Very cool, pretty clear wind N.W. Spent the day as usual when not overwhelmed with sleep - read'g & writing. They heard Gridley preach at the meeting house. Lydia rec'd a good letter from cousin Ruth Harwood. Horace Dimmick visited us this P.M.

June 1819 MONDAY, JUNE 21st Temperate, flying clouds - wind N.W. cool at night.
399 399 The day was ushered in by a discharge of female artillery in commemoration of a late sad event that had caused a certain quantity of beef to spoil which was, this morning, exposed to public view.
Spoilt beef. Hoed the whole of our corn the 2d time - Mr Hinman and Burton Hinman
Hoeing. assisted - finished about 6 P.M. Chauncey worked in the A.M. for Mr Hinman
Mr Ripley man sewing driving plow.
& Dan Case Mr N. Ripley & Dan Case came here late in the day - received provisions here for what was due them, the former let us have a cheese basket, the latter had whitewashed Jonathan's shop. Rained in the morn'g.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22d Tolerably clear - cloudy towards night, wind S.W.
Worked at the same business mentioned on the 15th.
H. DeBar Henry DeBar now began to act under our command, having given up the shoemaker's trade. Mother arrived from Mrs Duncan's where she had tarried all night.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23d Some rainy, cloudy all day - wind S.W. Business the same. Sally lost the making of a cheese by reason
Lost curd of a thousand legged worm that during the night found its way into the kettle of milk where it stood, and this could not be known until she came to empty it into the cheese tub. After this the whole was thrown away
Hop-beer for the swine. Read more of Smollett at night. A barrel of wort was brewed for hop beer - or rather the usual quantity of wort was put with
Parsons water in to a barrel for that purpose.
resigns. Parsons had resigned his Lieutenancy in the Artillery

Jun 1819 THURSDAY, JUNE 24 We had threatenings of rain in the morning but no
400 great quantity fell in this quarter - rather cool,
wind N.W. We completed the wall begun on the 11th inst. This is a good
Wall string of fence, on the Robinson line a short distance in the rear of the
finished ridge of rocks W. of the house, composed of stone laid up tolerably rough
but strong, measuring about 16 rods in length, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet perhaps at the
bottom, and exceeding 4 in height.

The boys worked well - hoed out the beans in the garden.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th Cloudy and rainy P.M. from N.W. - cool in the morn-
ing. Went with a team of 4 accompanied by Henry to
Boards Abner Noble's saw-mill and received a load of stuff composed of 580 feet
rec'd of pine boards middling quality - at 75" per hundred - 114 feet do of better
Rogers. quality at \$1.00 pr hund. & 3 hemlock planks comprising about 100 feet
at 75 cents on J. Rogers' account by permission of Boltw'd Noble. Had no
E. Jewett ill luck. They were hoeing corn very busily at Mr N's.
school bill Called upon Miss Eunice Jewett to know the amount of her school bill
which she said was \$00.89".

Passing the house of old Mr Fay had some talk with him, from whom
I abruptly disengaged myself.

Mr Kent Mr Kent did some hooping here this P.M.
Father attended a Society meeting to consult on minister affairs.
Henry & Chauncey employed the latter half of the day catching fishes
in a basket - had middling success.
Rogers & I stuck up boards.

Jun 1819 SATURDAY, JUNE 26 Cool morning, fine day followed - hazy towards night;
401 wind N.W. Mr Kent, with some assistance from father
and myself framed two large gates; borrowed 4 narrow boards of Parsons,
Gates by the rest we collected from our own resources - all seasoned stuff.
Kent We drew down from the woods 4 logs for gate-posts.
Cow & mare Henry & Chauncey hoed corn & potatoes for Mr Kent - we presume they
pastured did nicely.
for Parsons Mr Parsons this day entered his mare & cow to be pastured here dur-
ing the season.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27th Temperate A.M. - pretty warm P.M. in which it looked
much like having a shower in this quarter - thunder
was heard to the N.W. but the clouds sailed to the W. and S.W. of us.
Smollett Read between 80 & 90 pages in Smollett recounting the grand events
that occurred in England & elsewhere in 1759 - particularly the reduction
of Quebec by the gallant Wolfe & his brave associates - my chief stznd
while employed at this pleasing task was under an apple tree near the E.
bars of the young orchard.

Visited Bliss & Mr Noble visited here late P.M.

Mrs Street A horse was sent to Mr V.D. Speigels by Rogers for Mrs Street who
came here with intention of spinning wool the ensuing week. Mother in
Mother ill the nean time was violently seized with a kind of cholic - Dr Swift
was sent for by whose hand some relief was given. Rogers was ab-

Jun 1819 sent till past 12 at night. Lydia watched with mother.
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MONDAY, JUNE 28th A very warm, sultry day - expected rain at night.
Gates. Our gates were finished & hung - the caps & bolts
Kent. remained yet to be put on. Mr Kent worked at the above business after
having hooped some tubs at Mr Hinman's in the morning. Chauncey's
main business was to get the hooks & eyes made at Col Norton's - these
Dr Swift things were not received till near 4 P.M. Dr Swift came down to see
mother - likewise saw Jonathan who was taken ill early in the day -
gave him a potion of jollop.
Mrs Street V.D. Speigle came down to see if mother would give way to have Mrs
Street stay one week longer at his house, but the favor was handsomely
denied him.
Letter from A letter from cousin Catherine of Attica was received which gave
C. Harwood an account of their straitened circumstances.
Great The gates above mentioned were set up, the one at the S. meadow,
gates the other at the N. orchard bars, the latter being flung aside.
Three of the posts were of mungrel white or red beech, the other
is butternut.
S. Wheeler Soph Wheeler paid us a visit.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29th Very warm till past 2 P.M. at which time it grew
cool fast for awhile - a shower was looked for or
expected, but it rained very little, towards evening became warmer
again.

Completed the gates about noon - P.M. looked among the wheat
pulling out rye & cockle - the boys, after

June 1819 Henry, who had been to town to carry 17½ lbs veal to Franklin Clark,
402 403 waited upon Jenny & Nancy &c. arrived, worked in the garden.
Veal. P.M. dressed out Mr Kent's garden & towards night all hands of us
Kents worked in the barn getting out rye-straw into the yard -
garden. Mr Mosely of Hoosack came from his father-in-law Martin's to in-
form us that aunt Stone had safely arrived at Scipio - found Annis so
Hoosack f'r recovered as to be able to work some. Very welcome news to us -
Ester (p.376) Esther Street came here visiting. Mr Bliss came down in the
Street evening to receive some veal &c. Mr Gleason butchered a calf for us
Mr Gleason this morning that weighed 69 lbs - 4 w'ks old, was raised by a small 2
year old heifer.

Mother was vastly better. Rogers went to work. Monday night was
Thunder remarkably warm - thundered & lightened all around till past 12 o'clock
but rained very little here - appeared heaviest in the S.E.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 The wind blew high from S.W. all day - clouds gath-
ered in the N.W. & kept us in constant expectation
of a shower the whole of the P.M. - thundered often, but the quantity
of rain that fell here was small previous to 12 at night, tho' it
poured down extremely fast a few moments before sunset - Warm growing
Breaking weather. We ploughed the greater part of that slip of land lying be-
up tween the rocks & the old Moseley & Robinson line, comprising about an
acre. The boys pulled parsnips in the meadows & perhaps did something
else.

Capt Waters dined here.

Jun 1819 THURSDAY, JULY 1st In the night previous to this day a great shower of
 404 rain occurred - Fair with flying clouds till late
 in the day when thunder heads began to approach us, which in the course
 Great of the evening brought forth rain & thunder - Warm in the extreme wind
 rain S.W. Went on an expedition to Algiers & to S. Harwood's
 Calf-skins At B. Squires' left 2 calf skins which I saw him mark for Benjamin
 carried Harwood - saw his works, which were in good repair, but not yet complea
 to ted - his running gears were admirably executed by that industrious,
 B.Squires persevering & curious genius Ed Savage who lately had his house de-
 stroyed by lightning. His vats were tolerably filled - everything wore
 the appearance of the industrious man & the man of business.
 S.Harwood Cousin Stephen appeared to be very busy at his trade - had no pails
 completed - would finish 2 next week - reminded him of the churn -
 which he said should be done in style before the lapse of many weeks.
 Returned to M. Norton's 2d's where young Nancy & young Man were
 shod - M. N. was unable to work by reason of lameness - his account
 against us he said amounted to \$2.12" - agreed with him to receive in
 the ensuing fall 100 lbs cheese for which he would pay in blacksmithing
 At Safford's took on board a grist that had been ground - received
 budgets of rolls at the little factory carded by Wilder & Adams -
 Returned home between 2 & 3 P.M. - found Mr Marsh here who talked
 & prayed with us -

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there was also a drunken fellow named Walker half cided - lives in
 Widow Smith's part of the house - late E. Smith's Esquires
 Walker Father & the boys had finished plowing the land behind the rocks -
 the limbs of the trees hanging over the Brown line were cut off.
 P. M. we repaired some fence on the right side of the lane against
 the cornfield - post & rail stone wall -
 Evening visited town - saw W. Haswell who complained of very unmany
 B. Dyer treatment received from capt Dyer of Shaftsbury, now on the limits -
 I thought him very ill used indeed.
 Scythes Looked out 2 scythes at Swift's or Swift & Pickett's - did other
 Letter fr business - took out a letter from cousin Emily Palmer - started to come
 Emily home - held on my course till arrived at Waters' - staid awhile there -
 Tyler. and then came all the way with Melissa S. & Lydia.
 Palmer.

FRIDAY, JULY 2d Wind continued S.W. - tolerably fair A.M.
 P.M. there were many smart showers and some thunder
 - middling warm.

The day was commenced by going to A. Brown & A. Turner's mill - NE
 Hemlock part of Pownal whence with 2 teams we brought 1055 feet hemlock boards -
 boards Rogers went with me and drove the young horses before the waggon - I
 had the oxen and old Nancy - came home by way of Cady's - R. went round
 by the meeting house.

T.C.Parsons These boards we rec'd of T. C. Parsons at \$7.50 - he had them of
 Rogers, who rec'd them of Mr House for making a pair of their boots.
 Paid Miss Jewett's school bill - \$00.89" - and to Cady by the hand
 Butternut of his wife p'd \$00.75"
 posts. P.M. cut & drew butternut timber for board fence posts.

Jul 1819 SATURDAY, JULY 3d Rainy, cloudy & foggy all the morning - P.M. it was
406 tolerably pleasant - Cool all day - wind N.W.

We labored at building board fence.

Rodney Rodney Montague arrived from Perry's on the E. Mountain.
Montague As to cousin Emily's letter - p.485-508.
Polly Cousin Polly Robinson staid the P.M. & night here.
Robinson. Great confusion prevailed respecting Banks, many of which in these
Banks. days were breaking down - while others were shivering in the wind.

SUNDAY, JULY 4th Extremely cool - samp wind from S.W. - about 1 P.M.
a thunder cloud appeared in the N.W. from which we
expected rain, but it wore away, N.E. - rained none here all day.

Dr Swift Sauntered in the pastures reading Smollett from breakfast till past
noon - then came home, found Dr Swift here who came to visit Mother who
was much more unwell of her cough.

Lung wort Fron 2 till past 3 Sarah & I looked about the rocks to find maple
lung wort for mother, but returned unsuccessful.

Rev'd Father came home from church and related how fine a sermon he had
Daniel heard delivered by the rev'd Dan'l Smith, minister at Natchez - son of
Smith the late Noah Smith who formerly resided in this town. I was once a
school mate of this young clergyman - in 1797 - Herbert preceptor.

Cousin S. Robinson & Safford Robinson happ'd here just at night.

Jul 1819 MONDAY, JULY 5th Very cool in the morning, but as the sun got up it
407 gradually became much warmer before night - tolera-
bly clear all day - wind N.W.

Board We nearly finished our board fence which is composed of butternut
fence posts & nearly all hemlock boards - the posts were set $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in the g
ground - the fence is $4\frac{1}{2}$ in height - begins at the N.E. corner of the
house from which it runs one length of boards N. - thence W. with a
little variation to the E. part of the great gate at the N.E. corner of
the barn.

Veal A calf was butchered by Mr Gleason here this morning weighing ris-
ing of 70 lbs - sent Henry off with the hind-quarters to town where he
put away $18\frac{1}{4}$ lbs to D. Clark and 18 lbs more to F. Clark, on account at
\$00.05" pr lb.

E. Montague arrived in the night from Salem, N.Y. - See p. 392.

Mrs Duncan paid us a short visit P.M. - Rodney M. returned at night
- said he had hired himself to Mr Slocum to work in haying &c.

Independence Independence was celebrated in White Creek by the Republicans -
heard several of their guns.

TUESDAY, JULY 6th Fair - few clouds seen - cold morning, warm P.M.
Finished hoeing potatoes 2d time.

Hoeing Began the corn 3rd time.

Mrs Scott Mother was better and received as company Mrs Scott & Lucy Street.
A good deal was said just as Mrs S. was going away about getting Mr S.
to make us a one horse waggon.

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Jul 1819 WEDNESDAY, JUL 7th Cool in the morning - tolerably warm in the subse-
408 quent part of the day - hazy P.M - wind S.W.

Continued hoeing - our spirits were not lively - a sort of weariness hung about us that it required some exertion to shake off.

Mr Bliss Mr Bliss paid us a short visit at the close of the day - he had been trying to find strawberries for Adela Clark, who they rather thought was some better.

Lyd Mrs Persis & Miss Lydia Norton paid their respects to our ladies
Norton this P.M.

THURSDAY, JULY 8th Very warm all day, particularly in the P.M.
Hoeing We finished off hoeing in full.

finished The P. M. was spent choaring - fixing the barn for haying - the boys pulled cockle among the winter-wheat &c.

The ladies picked geese.

We prepared for going to Troy.

E. Fay About noon I went to see friend E. Fay Jun about making an ox-yoke which he engaged to do whenever time would permit - proposed to let our boys hoe for him, but he declined the offer although his work was extremely urgent.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY We saw two of the hottest days that had been
JULY 9th & 10th seen this season and perhaps very rarely surpassed in our climate.

Hot days In Troy the heat was almost insupportable. With father started, this morning betseen 7 & 8, in a two horse waggon for Troy -m Carried L.Street to S. Scott's. Rec'd as passengers Gov P..... saddler & Mr

Jul 1819 Greenwood, shoemaker to Lansingburgh - left them to transact business
409 there & proceeded ourselves to Troy and traded with R. P. Hart & Co on credit to the value of \$25.61" consisting of 28 lbs sugar, 6 bhls Lisbon salt, 3do Clover 6 lbs L'n sk Tea, 8 glls N. rum, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ Molasses & at Mer- rits or Dan'l Merrit's & Sons bo't on credit 147 lbs grain grind stone at 2" pr lb - 2 cwt 3 qrs 2 lbs plaister - amounting to \$4.33" for which we gave a note payable 90 days from date - Bo't of Bidwell 2 gs molass- ed at 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ " very good quality - paid cash down.

Having finished our business here immediately cleared out - Mr Green wood being in company.

Mr Barnabas Wood with 2 hogshead rum, Mr S. Lawrence with other loading & Wood's hired man with another hogshead of rum went out of the village forward of us.

We put in at Wheeler's 3 miles this side - they went further - to Brown's - 1 mile ahead - our horses were turned into a pasture of heavy clover - theirs had poor feed - they said the poor creatures broke into a meadow hard by - Friday night was one of the hottest ever felt in this country.

Mr W. is a plain, accommodating man, had excellent cider. Next morning as early as circumstances would permit began our march for home - soon found the heat very extreme, and after getting into the main stage road - suffered greatly for want of shades - it being quite rare to meet with trees on

Jul 1819 the S. side of the road - this is a matter that ought to engage the at-
410 tention of the public. Arrived at Wadsworth's near ten in the morning
- made a long tarry - saw capt Eb Cross disputing on religion with old
Mr Potter - dry & loud - not interesting.

Towards noon we again moved forward under the hottest sun that I
ever travelled under - could go but a little way without halting - shade
were seldom met with.

In this dilatory manner we proceeded till we arrived at Esquire
Haviland's, Hoosack Four Corners where we made a stand under a fine tree
in front of his house. He met us in a very friendly manner indeed -
treating us with cider and giving hay to our fainting horses, requiring
nothing more than that we would do a like favor to persons situated as
we were. We thanked him heartily and again put forward moderately -
the heat still unabated.

After rising the long & most cruel Armstrong hill and carefully
advancing by short pulls till we had reached the foot of the hill this
side Landlord Dimmicks' our young horse, which had panted dreadfully
all day, appeared to be almost overcome with heat - the other, young
Nancy, although drenched with sweat, seemed to mind it very little -
here we were absolutely obliged to halt about half an hour under a shade
to rest & refresh our wearied beast - next came on to the

Jul 1819 to the new habitation of Mc Eowen and there stopped and gave in our lists
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Mr Jared Sears was finishing off a wood house, buttery or cheese room
room &c for friend D. M. - next and last place at which we called was
S. Scott's - here we received kind neighborly treatment. Mrs S. ordering
pye & cheese with good cider for us which relished extremely well.

Mr S. & lady were about starting to go to Esq'r Henry's store, but
we had time to talk about the one-horse waggon which he agreed to make
for us. - the pay to be half in shoe-making, half in produce.

Towards sundown we were in motion and safely arrived at home without
further difficulty.

Mr Greenwood came on by himself from the foot of the D'k hill.

Past 5 o'clock the heat decreased & it grew considerably cooler in
the evening, but still it was very warm.

Crops

We saw immense and most charming crops of corn & most other kinds
of grain except winter-wheat, fine potatoes, grass and almost everything
belonging to vegetation seemed to flourish beyond what had been known for
several years past. Rye as we went down towards Lansingburgh & Troy ap-
peared to be nearly ripe - in a few days would do harvest.

Kent's
hoeing

Our friend Gov. we left in Troy. The boys in our absence had hoed
Mr Kent's corn & done choars at home - carried veal to the hatter & print
er Clark - the former 20 lbs - the latter 7 or 8 lbs - hind quarter -
Col Norton - 18 do.

SUNDAY, JULY 11th Extremely warm till after it rained, which was about
2 P.M. - had great wind & some thunder - wind N.W.

Smollett Completed reading Smollett's History of England - the author in my es-
History. timation was friendly to political liberty.
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Jul 1819 THURSDAY, JULY 15th., Sunday, Monday & Tuesday nights were pretty cool
 412 Monday P.M. showeres weht round us towards night
 Tuesday, fair and cool, wd N. Wednesday cloudy & hazy, not a good hay
 day - Thursday - warm & muggy - with every sign that could be of rain.
 P.M. about 4 O'clock it came on with some thunder. On Monday commenced
 D.Conklin haying moderately - that day Mr Conklin came to see if he could get Henry
 H.DeBar DeBar to live with him - next morning he accordingly weht down to try
 his luck at tanning & curying. We at first gave way that he might go
 immediately but on further reflection found that we were too fast - so
 that night when Jonathan went to grind a scythe at the P. furnace grind-
 stone, I talked with Mr C. respecting him and got him to agree that Hen-
 ry might work for us in fair weather in haying - would don what was right
 Haying &c.

Tuesday P.M. Jonathan began to work for us at haying . By the pres-
 ent day, Thursday, we had mown half the Little meadow & got in most or
 nearly all of it amounting to about 3 tons, all except a few hundreds
 good clover & herdsgrass, & besides this there was on hand 2 tons old
 hay.

H. De Bar Six O'clock P.M. H. De Bar returned from Conklins - not wishing to
 go back there.

Mother had rode old jim a good deal this week - had visited at L.
 Dewey's - M. Norton's 2d's where the beast was shod - at Isaac Judd's ,
 uncle S. Robinson's and other places. Uncle S. & lady were here Tuesday
 eve'g.

Jul 1819 FRIDAY, JULY 16th Foggy & cloudy in the morning - flying clouds P.M.
 413 towards night looked likely to rain, thundered, and
 about sunset rained an hour or two - pretty warm all day.
 Wind in different directions.

Last night it rained monstrosly - Followed haying slowly - Henry &
 J.Rogers Chauncey mowed - Jonathan was in his own employ.

Rode to Pownal to see about trading horses - no scald - rode to
 town with me on business at night.

We rec'd a short but friendly visit from Sam'l & Ladowick Staunton
 at noon.

Mother visited at friend Watefs' all night & most of this day.

SATURDAY, JULY 17th No hay-weather in the morning - P.M. some improved
 but not good. Continued haying - mowed some - got in
 that which had been mown and rolled up - got in likewise what was cut
 Rogers this day - although quite too green - salted it well. Jonathan again
 Bargain worked for himself & in the evening with me visited S.Scott's to bargain
 with Scott for a one-horse waggon - the timber part of which he B., agreed to build
 for thirty two dollars - half to be paid in shoemaking, half in produce -
 to be compleated in time to enable the blacksmith to iron it by the 1st
 Montague. of September next - Montague arrived from Conklings just at night.

SUNDAY, JULY 18th Cloudy & cool night & morning - cloudy - w'd N.
 Parsons, Bliss Employed chiefly in writing, read news-papers some.
 & Co. Rec'd visits from Parsons & his brother Hill. Mr Bliss & M.Clark.

MONDAY, JULY 19th Rather cool - cloudy A.M. - clear p.m. Haying went
 on lively - Jonathan was on the carpet - Erastus went
 to Shaftsbury. Mother visited Botts.

Jul 1819 TUESDAY, JULY 20th Fine hay weather - thought there were signs of rain -
414 cool in the morning - pretty warm P.M. - hazy w'd N.

Business advanced very lively - a large slice was taken out of the center & western parts of the meadow S., which however did not produce so well as in 1818. We judged that 1/4th of the whole meadow was cut over & that it produced about 3 T's.

Montague at This day we rec'd a reinforcement in the person of friend Montague haying. who arrived here from Shaftsbury in time to enter the meadow between 10 & 11 A.M. - behaved in his usual resolute manner till night.

Violin Friend Jonathan bo't a very good looking violin - some damaged - of Mr Noble, for a watch.

Hypo-fit I had a rank fit of the hypo which lasted most of the day - gave up the one-horse waggon bargain entirely - concluded not to go to Connecticut visiting - such views had I of the peculiar pressure of the times.

Ayres Clark My Ayres Clark of Colraine tarried here all night. Noble with T. Towsley & Cath Godfrey came up on a visit this eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st Thick & cloudy morning - remainder of the day fair. Haying went on well - some rye was harvested - Montague worked with us. Mother was very sick - Dr Swift came to see her - said that Harvey Rice, son of Mrs T. Rice, was dying. A few days since had run a stub into his foot - the original cause of his death. The girls visited at Hinman's - Jonathan visited Scott's - the wagon trade being by him suspended. Cows taken Mr Bliss bro't on 5 cows to pasture - belonging to himself, Waters, to pasture Fuller, Dexter & Mr Clark.

Jul 1819 THURSDAY, JULY 22nd Good weather gave us a chance to do another good days
415 workmat haying. A Shaftsbury man came to engage Montague to build a chimney for him - they made a bargain. We talked with Erastus about selling him the big bay horse.

FRIDAY, JULY 23rd Warm & cloudy - P.M. a very sudden & severe shower rain with some thunder came on - lasted but little time. About half a ton of hay was caught in it at the S. end of the S. meadow - or say S.E. part of that meadow.

Montague went to Shaftsbury this morning masoning.

SATURDAY, JULY 24 Warndog-day weather, cloudy, w'd S.W. Showers expected the haying We had now, according to estimation, cut & got in 16½ tons of hay - about 8 acres was all that remained to mow in the S. meadow - none, with a trifling exception, was to be mown S. of the Upp'r brook - Conference an acre of rye had been harvested. Rogers & I with violin & flute held with S.H. a short consultation over the damaged instrument at the center with S.H. B. Blackmer school house - he advised to send it to Millington of Shaftsbury - did not praise the thing much - seemed rather cool.

SUNDAY, JULY 25th It continued extremely warm - especially P.M. hazy & Letters to cloudy towards night. My index engrossed much of my Ruth Har- attention - besides which wrote 2 letters - the one to cousin R. Harwood - wood & J. the other to R.B. Stone. In the former alluded to former scenes in which R. Stone we had enjoyed ourselves - mentioned the Denio business which I thought she had better let remain as it was till she should arrive here in Aug't or Sept. - other accommodating expressions were inserted too prolix to set down here.

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Jul 1819 The letter to Stone was written with the view to raise a reply from
416 him, he having written nothing to us since Jonathan left there in Feb'y.

 The style is in part ironical, but in the main it goes on plain
Yankee ground - the violin is mentioned - Reynolds likewise - to know
whether he could repair the thing & what would be his charges - requested
a speedy reply.

E & R Mon- Erastus & Rod'y Montague spent the day here - the latter wrote a
tague. letter to his brother Dan'l of Ohio.

MONDAY, JULY 26th Very warm, & muggy most of the day, rainy a little
 (with thunder in its commencement) all day - at night
 settled down to steady rain. We kept the hither rye field till nearly
 noon at which time we retreated before rain - P.M. tried it again, but
 staid a short time only - made a final exit for the day. Did something at
 the index - helped unload a load of hay - then rode to town with friend
 Cash recd Jonathan - sold 1 lb hops to Fassett - at 20" - rec'd pay for that & 13
 & paid outlbs cheese - with s'd money & more I had with me went to S. & Pickett's
 and there paid to N. Edgerton the clk \$2.00 which he endorsed on Lem Leach
 Leach's note. See p. 336. This evening saw and conversed with Thomas Manches-
 note. ter of Pown'l - a fiddler who was with me at Burlington & Plattsburgg in
 Thomas 1812. The hill-folks had all attended a petty law-suit down at Hicks' -
 Manchester alias McEowens' - alias Capt Dewey's. Previous to this Rogers had had
 some trouble with little grey, but now he compleatly conquered her.

Jul 1819 TUESDAY, JULY 27th It had rained very steady all night, did not cease
417 will late in the morning - continued more or less
showery all day - w'd S.W. Harvesting was suspended. Jonathan in the
Rogers a.m. worked in the shop - p.m. assisted at patching the barn roof.
Noble & Noble brought up his friend Baker of Arlington who could play the
Baker flute a little, indeed I am not certain but that he could play pretty
well - On the violin I have seen his equal - his skill was not great in
that.

It rained soakingly late this evening - thundered & lightened.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28th No good hay weather - cloudy & warm - rained some at Rye night, wd S.W. Entered the rye field S. of the S. harvest. meadow - the S.E. quarter of which produced great rye. In addition to E. Waters our ordinary forces we were joined by friend E. Waters who altho' he had a large bile on one of his knees yet performed a good days work at cradling. Henry followed him closely raking & binding - he did well.

Mother, Mrs Street, Melissa, Lydia, & L. Street visited Mrs Savage this P.M. - rode in Parsons' waggon.

Rogers Hinman carted hay in the Dr Fay meadow this P.M. - topped an old
visits stack. Jonathan this morning visited his fr'd Conklin on business.
Conklin Noble yesterday entered a horse to be pastured a w'k here.

THURSDAY, JULY 29th A part of the day it was good hay weather, but P.M. it became showery at the N. - towards night thundered heavy in the N.W. - a very black cloud arose there which seemed threatened us with a great shower, but finally had no great quantity of rain with high wind.

Wheat Finished the rye at 3 P.M. & ent'd the wheat field & were driven off
harvest. by train.

Went & engaged E. Waters & his man to work next day

Jul 1819 FRIDAY, JULY 30 This was one of the hottest days we saw the present
418 summer, particularly between the hours of 3 & 5 PM
- pretty clear - few clouds seen and those chiefly in the N. wind mainly
Waters & from that quarter. Pursued the wheat harvest - E. Waters & journeym'n
his man H. Wilder, worked with us.

Father left the field a little sooner than the rest on account of
ill health. Mr Wilder tarried here all night.

Encyclopoedia About noon S.H. Blackmer brought down a subscription paper drawn up
signed by Mr Church for the purpose of purchasing gov'r Tichenor's Encyclopoe-
for. dia, a share to consist of \$5.00 to be paid in 30 days or on the 30th of
Aug't next ensu'g the gov'r binding himself, or rather pledging his hon-
or, that he would furnish a bell to the meeting house in consideration of
the sale of s'd book - Father signed for 1 share.

Friend Blackmer dined here and played the violin afterwards - In the
Noble & eve'g Noble & his friend Baker paid us a visit - the latter in a rough
Baker. manner playing the violin awhile.

SATURDAY, JULY 31st It was again extremely hot, although not altogether
quite so severe as on Friday - more air was stirring,
more clouds were flying than on that day. A thunder shower passed away
Montague to the S. S.E. visiting Pownal & Williamstown & other places in that
quarter - here it did not rain -, were much bebefitted by the shade of
the cloud - this gone over the heat was again renewed - a warm night
ensued.

Friend Montague joined the hands mentioned above - finished off the
Wheat. winter wh't by noon - finished pulling 3/4 acre of badly twisted flax by
Flax. 5 or 6.

Jul 1819 P.M. - then marched out of the field after the rogues March -mat the
419 house the men were treated with milk punch and hop-beer - supped on the
best the house afforded.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st No cessation of heat till late in the day when a show-
er of rain came up that caused it to be much cooler.
Letter Corn flourished almost beyond all former example - other things in the
cousin same ratio. Wrote a long letter in reply to cousin Catherine of Attica
Catherine, relating to their unhappy situation - professing a readiness to assist as
Attica. much as we could, &c.

Mentioned Mr Brown's & Mrs Clark's death - C. Clark's sickness and
probable recovery; Mr Hunt & family & other matter which for want of time
I shall omit here. The shower just mentioned mainly went to the S. & ~~SE~~
of this, & during its continuance much heavy thunder occurred.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2d It was at times from sun-rise till 10 o'clock most
intensely hot - from that time to 3 P.M. the heat
was very powerful, but not quite so violent as before - then it clouded
up - grew cooler - rained moderately before sun-down - in the eve'g it
again became most uncomfortably warm. Heavy showers passed off N. & S.W.
os us - thundered powerfully in the N. towards night.

Montague Friend Erastus was so good as to join us at haying - A handsome
piece was taken down betseen the ditches, stretching from the Fay line to
a little W. of the walnuts - all drawn in safe, none wet.

Haying This spot produced better than in 1818 - helped by plaster.

Aug 1819 Mrs Duncan visited here on Sunday, likewise M. Street who informed us that
 420 in the course of the week past Mr Erastus Jewett of Pownal had died - his
 Mrs Duncandeath being caused by intemperate drinking. He was in hisYear -
 Mrs Streetleft a wife & family. Married on Saturday ev'g 31st ult. Mr Lorenzo Fas-
 Death of sett to Miss Laura Webb - the former of White Creek, N.Y. - the latter
 E. Jewett. of this town - this closed a long courtship - the parties being past
 L. Fassett thirty.

married. Arrived on Sunday from Whitehall Mr Ward Barney & lady - the former
 W. Barney late from the W. part of Pa. where he had endured a severe illness since
 & lady. his visits here in Jan'y from which he had lately recovered. Sickness
 now attacked his lady - occasioned probably by the bad air of Whitehall.

Erastus TUESDAY, AUGUST 3d Flying clouds, wd N. - heat greatly abated - Erastus
 again assisted us - and although Jonathan had bad
 luck with his scythe yet a large piece N. of the lower ditch extending
 to the fence by the brook-place, orchard & little meadow - & a small pie
 piece on the flat N.W. of the Walnut tree were mown & the hay got in.

One large load was stuck, but we soon, with good luck lifted it out,
 the oxen being very stout.

We reckon 3-1/2 tons were drawn in this day.

WEDNESDAY, AUG'T 4th Really a fine day, moderately warm, wind N.

All the W. part of the N. meadow was cut down
 & the hay which was great & good, being full 7 tons, was pitched on to ~~the~~
 the cart by Jon Rogers - from 2 P.M. till sun-set.

Montague Montg'e loaded most of it.

Aug 1819 Neighbor H.....'s cattle broke into our spring wheat, but were quick-
 421 ly discovered & driven out - some of the cattle were rogues - the fence
 Cattle in bad - to make good neighbors it should be made good.
 mischief

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th Some hazy - flying clouds - w'd S.W. signs of
 rain. We compleated haying in the N. meadow,
 which altogether yielded much better than usual, getting not less than
 11 tons good hay - Erastus, Jonathan and all performed well.

A great ingathering of the fair at this house occurred in the course
 of the P.M. - Mrs Gleason, Mrs Hinman, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Savage, Mrs Rox-
 ana Norton, Miss Sophia Norton, & Miss Esther Street - and in the eve'g
 Mrs Street & Lydia Norton, but all the others had cleared before their
 arrival.

On the 3rd inst., one year had elapsed since I had begun noting
 down in my memorandum the receipts & expenditures of cash from which it
 appears that from various articles of produce, some labor & other items
 we had rec'd\$246.55
 - And we had paid out to Merchants & others318.53
 - Leaving a balance against us of 71.98

Of the first sum above mentioned one dollar remained unexpended to
 be carried to the next years account.

The deficiency which is here exhibited was made up by hiring cash
 of friend Montague to whom a note was given for the amount, on the 27th
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~~Mrs-Duncan-visited-here-on-Sunday,-likewise-M-Street-who-informed
us-that-in-the-course-of-the-week-past~~

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6th Cloudy and some rainy in the morning, but finally cleared up and held fair here all day, though it thundered & rained to the N. of us. Sicknes or bad feelings deprived our good hands of that keen energy which had characterized their noble deeds a few days past. Rogers held out through the day though he complained bitterly - Montague mowed most of the day - likewise complained of illness. Henry yielded and went to bed - Chauncey - as usual. Father & my self pursued the usual course. What, last year, was called the hog pasture was mowed - the winter wheat & the rye growing in the field described, p.261 was drawn in. Such great loads were put on as broke down one side of the cart body. Dama & her friend L. Street at eve rode on horse back to Sam. Scott's. I played the violin roughly.

Rogers
Montague

Heavy
loads.
Visit at
S.Scott's

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th From 8 in the morning - to 10 at night the heat at intervals was almost insupportable - thunderheads began rising early, P.M. and after many heavy showers had passed round N. & S. of us - at length we rec'd a portion of the bounty. It thundered & lightened much at night. Montague & Rogers mowed 2 acres in the W.p't of the S. meadow - some of it stout & all hard to cut, producing 2 tons, which they executed in the A.M. We had the satisfaction at the end of the day of seeing all our hay & grain, except spring wheat, oats, and nearly at some patches of grass, well secured. To prevent the flax from being wet an end. which was drawn from the field & left in the barn y'd - the girls all assisted in getting it packed away in the stable. For a regular statement respecting the hay'g & harvest - see p. 425. Parsons spent the ev'g here - lighted himself home by torch. We had agreed to sell little grey for \$60. to J. Rogers.

Montague
& Rogers

Haying &
harvest'g
nearly at
an end.

Parsons
Little-
Grey.

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Died on the eve'g of the 6th at his father's house Moses D. only son of Moses Robinson Esq'r in his 29th year. He had long endured the slow & painful illness termed the consumption which reduced him to a mere skeleton. He led an exemplary Christian life - dealt honestly & uprightly - was a Member of the Congregational church in this town - generally esteemed & respected by all who knew him. Left a childless widow, a parent & two sisters to bewail his death. He was a school fellow of mine in the winter of 1797 as I have mentioned, p. 383. Was married October 27th., 1816 to Miss Catherine Beache, niece of gov'r Tichenor by whom he (R) had 2 children, which both died.

Death of
M.D.Robinson.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th Again extremely warm - thick broken clouds, rained to the N. & S. - wind P.M. S.W. Wrote to cousin Emily of Hopkinton - her letter & this reply will be noticed p. .
Friend Montague H. Dimmick & Rodney Montague visited us.
The remains of M.D.Robinson were interred.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9th Rained heavily awhile in the morning - continued cloudy & foggy till about 9 - then cleared up bright & warm - w'd N.W.

Harvested spring-wheat - Erastus swung the cradle here this P.M.
Lydia this day entered her 29th year.

Jonathan comenced business in his line again, having worked for usdays since July 16th. Mother had taken a puke on Sunday and since its operation appeared to enjoy ease in consequence thereof.

Chauncey was sent to get horses shod at M.Norton 2nd's - got back just at night.

Aug 1819 424 TUESDAY, AUGUST 10th Fair and oppressively warm - wind N.W. Finished harvesting and getting in the spring wheat of which there was about 858 shieves - the straw slender, heads short, rather light the kernel plump & good - grew on about 3 acres of ground, which in general produced rather lightly - It is described at p. 358.
Montague Montague spent the day here cradling wheat & oats.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11th The weather continued unmercifully warm - There were few clouds - sky pretty clear.
Rogers We mowed the swale in the field of oats, and harvested oats.
hay Jonathan bro't from Smiths' a ton of hay -

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12th Again it was most exceedingly hot especially about noon.
Oats By hard pulling finished cutting the oats - P.M. bound up a part of them, & although Jonathan in bringing his last ton, from Smiths' meadow, of hay had bad luck which hindered him till after dark yet did he cheerfully go with Henry to the field & fetch home a large load of oats, which we had piled together without stacking.
Little grey On the 7th inst I mentioned selling the little grey to friend Rogers sold to This mare was three years old, well made, but rather wanting in size. He Rogers agreed to give for her \$60.00 - a part of which was to be in shingles - the other p't not specified - furnished 2 tons of hay for her keep'g in the winter.
Rogers work Rogers worked for us this season in haying & harvesting 19½ days -
Montague Montague do haying& harvesting -----.

Aug 1819 425 FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th Pretty warm - but much more moderate than it had been hazy - some cloudy - wind N.

This day we closed haying & harvest for the present season - except a few small patches.
Haying & harvesting finished. South Meadow24 acres24 tons hay
North do 7 do11 , ,
Little do 3 do 6 , ,
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Grain Produced in 1819.

Winter Wheat Old Sheep Pasture5 acres...	1161 shieves
Spring do	..... N.W. of N.Meadow	.....3 , ...	858 ,
Rye	.....W. of Fay line	.....5 , ...	1133 ,
do	.....N. the Y'g Orch'd	.....2 , ...	504 ,
Oats	.....Tracy fd	.....3½ , ...	959 ,
		18½	4616

The S. meadow, with some exceptions, yielded about as usual - the flat W. & N.W. & N.E. of the walnut tree was low and thin - not so good as the previous year. Down next to the Fay line, N. of the upp'r brook considerably better - at the S.W. angle and to the N. & E. of that it did well.

The N. meadow produced more than it had for several seasons. The little meadow held its own - the swale in the oat field gave but about 9 hund'd.

As to the fields of grain I cannot be very particular - the S.W. quarter of the winter wh't f'd was much the best - the N. & W. parts of the winter-rye lesser rye field & the S.E. quarter of the greater one yielded the best rye, which was indeed heavy & handsome -

For sp'g wh't see Aug't 10 - Oats pretty good.

Aug 1819 SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th More cool this morning than it had hitherto been
426 for a number of days, and altho' the heat arose considerably about mid-day, yet in the main it was far more mild than during the course of many of preced'g days - hazy - signs of rain appeared

We struck the final blow to our haying, which was nothing more than mowing the balk around the corn-field, which was light, & getting in ~~the~~ that & a small quantity more from the rye field.

I spent the day, besides attending to this business, in playing the A visit violin and other light pursuits.

at Z. Harwoods Father & Mother rode in Parsons' waggon to uncle Zach's on a visit - the boys went angling in the brooks - had considerable success.

Letters We rec'd a letter this ev'g from our Branford f'ds dated Aug't 9th
from answering mine of July 25th. We had received one previous to this, da-
Branford ted July 4th., in reply to that which I wrote them in April. If time would permit I should like to particularize what was comprised in these letters, but as the case is - shall only observe that there was no ill news - Sally's mother resided there - Josiah with his family had removed from New Haven to Litch'd village.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th Cool & cloudy - some rainy - wind S.

Devoted the day chiefly to writing.

A waggon load went to meeting.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16th Rained, pretty steadily nearly all day - w'd S.E.

Aug 1819 The state of the weather proved very detrimental to the pleasures of the
427 day. Great preparations had been made for the celebration of the 42nd anniversary of Bennington Battle by the Democrats on Court House hill and a motly assemblage of federalists, crooked feeling democrats & old quids at Whipstock hill.

Celebration In spite of rain & mud a respectable number of citizens rallied around the National flag, at the court house, formed in procession, marched under the direction of J. Hicks, marshal of the day, to the meeting house (a good band of martial music being in front) where, after several religious ceremonies or exercises were performed general Stark's official letter giving an account of the battle, as also Burgoyne's instructions to Col Baum were handsomely & very articulately read by Wm Haswell; an oration, well adapted to the occasion & times, was pronounced by U. M. Robinson.

I believe he spoke too low to suit the elderly part of the audience - heard complaint in that way.

Some singing, prayers &c followed & then they marched back to the court house, dined and drank toasts under discharge of cannon.

For want of cash neither my father nor myself joined in these later enjoyments.

Letter to Retired to the printing office - wrote a letter to Gid. Smedley to
G. Smedley inform him that we expected to visit him in Sept. & that we were all in usual health.

D. Clark attached property belonging to Rumvillla the drumming master
Went to the brick house and saw the little girls who had been dress
ed for the

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Census of a
90 Acre Lot.

An Account of the number of persons born and
of what Families on the south-west quarter of
Right No. 20 (containing 90 acres) since the
first settlement of the Town of Bennington.
June A.D. 1760

Viz:

<u>Heads of Families</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>
Peter Harwood	9
Eleazer Harwood	1
Jonas Fay	5
Archibald Stone	6
Solomon Crosby	2
John Cobb	1
Ebenezer Lyman Jun'r	1
Eldad Taylor, Jun'r	2
John Remington	2
John Sterns	2
Daniel Davis	1
Elijah Boardman	7
Clark Harwood	3
Adonijah Montague	1
Eldad Taylor	1
Mathew Clark	1
Daniel Donaldson	1
William Smith	1
Nathan'l Montague	1
Brotherton Dagget	1
Mathew Clark	1
Benj'n Harwood	2
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Bro't up from the last page	52
Ebenezer Harwood	1
Jonas Harwood	2
Mr Haswell	2
Richard Waite	4
William Longworth	5
James Street	3
Frederick Gove	1
Aaron Hendrick	1
Challis Safford	2
Ethan A. Fay	1
	<u>74</u> total

This Census closed ye 6th December 1801 - examined by Peter Harwood &
Jonas Fay & recorded by Heman A. Fay.

The above is a true copy of a paper which was found among the papers
preserved by my late grand-father. P. Harwood.

We will now endeavor to continue the census from 1801 to June 18th
1819 - as correct as we can from memory.

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Heads of FamiliesNUMBER of Children.

Ethan A. Fay	1
Jonas Harwood	2
Thomas Waite	1
Adam Waters	2
Loan Dewey	1
Ira Harwood	4
Tho's C. Parsons	7
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Sam'l Sellon	1
Isaac Judd	2
Thom's Ault	1
Hiram Harwood	1
Reuben Keny	1
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From 1801 to June 18th 1819	<hr/> 24
Add the Old Census	74
Total	<hr/> 98

Aug 1819 celebration, dancing to music performed by Thom's Manchester - Returned
431 home about dark. The other party at the W. had a numerous meeting which
met in open field - the oration was delivered by S.B.Young - they had
toasts & guns.

TUESDAY,AUGUST 17th Cloudy,foggy,& some rainy all day - w'd N.
The plows,harness &c were put in repair ready
for action. For that purpose father visited M.Norton 2nd's shop & cous-
in S. Harwood's - Not much other business was performed.

WEDNESDAY,AUGUST 18th Cool & cloudy in the morning - fair all day af-
terwards. Began plow'g winter wheat stubble -
Plough'g the boys threshed rye P.M. We employed 2 teams in the field. All Tan-
brook was in agitation about the Connecticut expedition.

THURSDAY,AUGUST 19th Foggy morning, fair & very warm remainder of
the day. Business as above.

Jonathan agreed to go with Mrs P. to Conn.
Wagon Have omitted mentioning that on the 17th inst I hired Buckley
agreed Squires' one-horse waggon to convey us to Conn. for \$7.00 - agreed to
for pay him in cider & apples - to return the waggon as good, except the
natural wear, as when I take it.

FRIDAY,AUGUST 20th Very hot all day - w'd S.W.
Finished plowing 5 acres stubble ground and
that little patch back of the rocks.

The boys thrashed rye.
C.Hicks Charles Hicks came down to see about buying the young horse.
L. Dewey Mr Loan Dewey at noon played the violin for us in quite pretty
style.

Aug 1819 SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st., Extremely hot indeed - wind S.W. Erastus work
432 ed here at the new cellar buttery; we were all
chiefly employed in collecting materials & waiting upon or assisting
Montague him. Rode in Brown's waggon with Sally to Lem Leach's Clothiers works
at Hinsdill's - got a handsome piece of blue cloth which he had dressed
Cloth fr for us - charged \$2.67" - I think. Saw uncle Sam & his brother S.
Hinsdill bringing a load of shieves towards his barn - said his folks were all
in usual health except his little girl which was quite down - Did some
business at Pickett's & Fassett's & returned home.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd Muggy, cloudy & rainy - wind strong S.W. Read
newspapers a little, performed something at
writing.

Young MONDAY, AUGUST 23rd., Cool and fair - wind fresh N.W. Waters with
horse sold his man worked at the cellar buttery, Erastus
to Monta- also in his line - we sold our young horse, aged 4 years, to him for
gue. \$80.00.

In the morning carried cloth to Hendryx to have a suit of clothes
Hendryx cut out - the man was ill, but nevertheless measured me and agreed to
do the work in the course of the day - Bo't of him buttons, silk &
twist to amount of \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ which including his work would raise it to ~~2~~
\$1.80 - felt very downhearted in contemplating expences & the peculiar
pressure of the times - gave full scope to the hypo - concluded that
Miss the way in which we were going must lead to destruction &c.
Thompson Ploughing progressed slowly. In the ev'g bro't on Miss Thompson
our tailoress.

Aug 1819 This morning I went to gov. Tichenor's to procure lath for finish-
433 ing our new establishment in the cellar - Saw his excellency just as he
was starting to visit his farm, but on acquainting him with my business
Lath bo't he immediately turned back & assisted in looking up the stuff, which
of gov'r we found ready to our hand, sawed in strips just wide enough to put on,
Tichenor in sufficient quantity. It was taken out of his old office when he al-
tered it into a house for other purposes.

The gov. was very sociable all the time on various topics, but more
particularly so on courtship & marriage, passing many lively jokes on
the subject.

Hendryx At eve'g visited Hendryx who had been so ill as to disable him from
attending to business, consequently mine lay untouched, however, cut out
a vest which I brought home; borrowed "Riley's Flute Melodies" of his
lady in his absence.

S. Robinson Bo't at Pickett's, butts & screws & button moulds, amounting to
Jun'r 27" - Cousin S. Robinson visited us near night with his establish't.

Sowing TUESDAY, AUGUST 24th., Very cold in the morning - pleas't & warm P.M.
rye. Had our ground ready for sowing rye. The join-
Cellar ers finished the job in the cellar - which we presumed taken all rogeth-
buttery. er cost us not less than \$25.00 Cousin Uel M. paid us an eve'g visit -
U.M. Rob- meantime I fiddled corsely for him & others wishing to hear - Read
inson. toasts in the newspapers, both the Court House & Whipstock production.
Sat up late.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th., Cold again this morning, perhaps there was
Frost frost in some places - Cold nights about this
time - This was a fine d'y - w'd N.

Aug 1819 Sowing rye & ~~harvesting~~ harrowing it in condition constituted the
434 main business of the day. I had a hand in sowing ; business that was
quite new to me, having done very little of the kind except sowing plaste
Sowing . er.

Montague. Montague compleated his job at the cellar about noon & P.M. went to
work at Capt Squire's - setting a caldron.

Ezra Doty This evening Mr Ezra Doty from Chocunt Pa., arrived here and tarried
all night - travelled on horse-back; his business was to make the neces-
sary proof of his being entitled to the pension granted to our revolu-
tionary heroes - expected to visit his brother Ellis in Warrsborough.
Said that he left all well in Pennsylvania - Mr Locke was doing well.

Sowing THURSDAY, AUGUST 26th., Fine day for business - smoky a little - w'd S.
rye finished We finished about $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres with rye.

Oatman, P.M. we choared about - the boys did the harrowing. Evening Mr Oatman,
that curious genius, that all accomplished dry goods pedlar put up with
the pedlarus - traded considerably with friend Erastus - related some lively an-
ecdotes respecting himself in Virginia and other places - played a pret-
ty little tine on the flute - had been a very good & active performer
on that instrument. Capt Doty left here in the morning.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27th., Quite ~~ex~~ warm - some smoky - wind S.W. Father &
Chauncey pursued ploughing. Henry & myself
Mrs L. threshed wheat. Oatman started off this morning \$2.50 in his debt.
Norton. Mrs Street & Mrs Lydia Norton were sick with the dysentery.

Aug 1819 SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th., Rainy in some measure - wind S.E. warm
435 Winnowed some grain and sent off a grist by
Henry in the great waggon to mill, which with a job at drawing a load of
Lime lime with f'd Erastus to Wallace's - constituted his chief employment.
drawn to Thrashed slowly - father & Chauncey continued the business, but were driv-
Montague. en away towards night by rain. Felt rather warped respecting the Con-
Plow'g necticut jaunt, tho't I had agreed to give too much for the waggon - the
The price being \$7.00 without harness - times looked squally - did not very
times. clearly see how we could raise cash to meet all our demands - unpleasant
reflections of this nature were often, in these days, harassing my mind
- cash scarce - produce low. In the eve'g Erastus came home with fr'd
H. Waters Hiram Waters who told me that he ~~w~~owned, "Instructions for the Violin",
which I was anxious to see. Mrs Norton was reported to be a little bet-
ter. Miss Thompson was gallanted to Mr Dewey's, having worked here five
Richard days. On Thursday, 26th inst., Mr Richard Atkins, journeyman shoe-
Atkins. maker, to friend Jonathan, came to board with us.
We sat up late and I fear to little purpose.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th., The weather was cool & gloomy - flying cl'ds -
wind N.W.

Having spent the day as usual - walked out in the pastures - saw
L. & J. Norton who came out to salt cattle - conversed with them awhile
- looked at their new cast-iron plow. The errand which called me there
being done - returned home full of thoughts.

Had with me the 2d Vol of Gordon's Amer'a. Read the action of Sept
1777 - Saratoga -

Indebted to T.J. Hendryx - \$1.80" See p. 432

Aug 1819 MONDAY, AUGUST 30th., Quitemcook & fair - wind N.W. Ploughing &
 436 threshing were severally pursued - the latter
 by me & Henry. Mr Parsons & lady started for Connecticut. Just at night
 Parsons visited Algiers - agreed with Squires to let me have his harness in the
 start for bargain - left at Safford's mill a bhl of corn to be ground for Parsons -
 Connec't borrowed a trunk of M. Norton 2d to carry to Connecticut - Visited the
 hill - found a large circle of men in the street in front of Fassett's
 Hopping- who appeared to be viewing a hopping match - considerable conversation
 match. & laughing took place - those whom I knew were uncle Andrew Wood, Col
 Merrill, capt Stephen & Heman Robinson, Cushman, Fassett, Bisby, D. Clark,
 M. L. Selden, & Hiland Hall.

Visited the printing office - Clark informed me of the distracted
 state of the republican party in this town.

Butter & Borrowed Clark's travels through the Hold Land &c. - of him - re-
 cheese turned to Fassett's & talked awhile respecting cider, butter & cheese -
 marketed engaged to Fassett, 100 lbs, to Merrill & Clark 50 lbs each of butter -
 saw uncle S. Robinson a moment - then went with friends Col M. & M. L.
 Selden by invitation of Mr D. Clark & drank some excellent boiled or fro-
 zen cider which tasted like wine but had twice the strength - sat here a
 short time then, after getting some rice at Pickett's, came directly home

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31st., Warm - wind S.W. cloudy, looked likely for rain
 Father & Chauncey continued ploughing -
 Henry & I ceased threshing.

Aug 1819 had threshed about 300 shieves. Great flusteration prevailed here the
 437 most of this day, more especially in the evening when our young beaux &
 belles were preparing to attend Commencement at W'ms College.

Commencement Erastus had procured a dashy waggon & harness for that purpose -
 drove home in style - had everything put in proper order.

H. Waters & Friends H. Waters & J. Rogers had engaged in their service a hack
 Rogers. & driver of J. H. Hicks' for said purpose.

Dama had, when the business was first talked of, declined going, but
 lately had altered her mind and was very anxious to go - could not gain
 consent of father and mother, however go she must, & on all hands who
 would blame her, her friends Lucy & Esther Street were going & felt very
 solitious to have her in the party - she no doubt wished to share with
 them the pleasures of the day.

Miss Miss Thompson had compleated her job at tayloring here - a suit for
 Thompson me & other garments for Rogers &c. had been drawn together by her &
 friend Melissa.

The good lady late this eve'g rode home to P. Dewey's on old Jim -
 turned the honest beast, unsaddled & bridled into the highway.

Company Our ladies late this P.M. received company composed of Miss S. Waters
 Mrs Waters & Mrs Brooks.

S. Waters Friend Sophia appeared pleased to see me - said Mr Hill & family
 were well at Arlington - talked of them & of some of my old journals, a
 volume of which she pressed me hard to lend her to carry to friend H's
 when she should return there - I replied in the negative - not so much
 on the score of secrecy as that of wishing to avoid a display of igno-
 rance & bungling execution.

Sep 1819 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st Tolerably pleasant, extremely warm, cloudy, w'd
438 S.W. Ploughing was discontinued in the P.M., horses sent to the blacksmith's to be shod for journeying. Henry & I were busy in the barn winnowing wheat through the mill - this business was compleated by fsther in the P.M. - 300 shieves yielded about 12 bush-els. The cider mill was partly put in order by ourselves & neighbors for making cider.

In the eve'g visited town with Waters & Henry - the former went up to hire a I horse waggon for his lady & Lydia to ride in to Stockbridge, Ms. - obtained Pickett's after beating him down from 6 to 4½ cents per mile.

I sold butter at Merrill's & receiv'd \$1.27½ in cash for it - Recd a \$3.00 bill of fr'd Clark - he owed me not far from one & engaged me to let him have the other two, Election day if he should not get any more so as to do without it.

Our Commencement charities set off this morning in high style - In the hack were seated H. Waters, J. Rogers, Lucy & Esther Street & Fama Harwood - In Hendryx's fine one horse waggon with a calash top, were Erastus Montague & Betsey Austin - In Isaac Robinson's one horse wag'n were Alvin Rice & Miss Mary Norton - They had a crazy time of it going down - some had very near like to have driven to their eternal homes, but in returning home behaved steadily - Lydia busied herself preparing to go her journey.

Sep 1819 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d. Pleasant, but extremely warm - wind S.W.
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The A. M. we gathered apples in the young orchard - P.M. some choars were executed - the ploughing of rye-stubble was finished. Mr Kent did 3/4's of a day's work at repairing cider - press & cart. While I was working in the y^g orchard fr'd W. Haswell, having rode as far as the house with his lady in a chaise for the benefit of her health, came himself up to see me - took right hold & went to picking up apples, without ceremony - he was very sociable, talking of certain characters, two of whom had proved themselves great knaves - both had held offices in this town - the one a farmer, the other a lawyer - the latter was expected to be run By some few quids for representative at the ensuing election - Our friend had been this mans bail, and in the course of the business rec'd the most ungrateful treatment at his griping hand.

Mrs Waters & Friend H. tarried but a short time - rode away again. At 10 o'clock Lydia o'clock A.M. Mrs Waters & Lydia started for Stockbridge - old Nancy start for drew them off with flying c/olors - we wished them a fine visit. Stock'e

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d Cloudy & very warm - P.M. it thundered heavy in the S.W. - wind S.W. ¾ Cider was made in Co with Gleason and Hinman - they had 4 & we 2-2/3d bbls - disposed of one to H. H. Fassett, Cushman would not receive one as he had agreed to, so that the travelling to & fro was all for the sake of \$1.25"

Sowing wheeM. a piece was sown with wheat - which the boys harrowed in, but performed it poorly - must be gone over again. Some flax was threshed. Mrs Street gained in health - came here on Sunday.

Sep 1819 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th Pleasant, dry & extremely warm - wind I suppose was N. Finished off sowing - Plowed in ^h
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the wheat back of the rocks. Fenced the S. end of the rocks to guard Sowing all the field & to keep cattle in future from nipping young shoots after finished cutting off the present growth of timber. While in this employment Accident. father fell & hurt one of his ribs cruelly, but not dangerously.

Jonathan bro't from Hick's a very neat single rein bridle which he rec'd of John H.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th., Tolerably and I don't know but I may say quite pleasant - very warm & some smoky - wind S.W.

My mind was principally engaged about the intended Connecticut tour - oiled & blacked harness - went to Squire's to get the waggon - they had not returned from Arlington - waited awhile to see them - during which read two pretty pieces in Cowpers' Poems - the titles of which were the "Nightingale & the Glow-worm" - the "Poet, Oyster & Sensitive Plant" - then went to M. Norton's 2d to get their trunk - found it so out of repair that it would not answer to carry on a journey, returned Squire's - found them returned from Arlington - informed where the waggon was - fixed me out with harness and I made out to get home about 12 at night.

Some part of this busy day was spent in regulating writing.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th., Had violent showers of rain accompanied with heavy thunder. We threshed off flax-seed and carried out the flax for spreading.

I am mistaken concerning the weather - It was cloudy & very warm - w'd S.W.

Sep 1819 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th., There were violent showers of rain & heavy thunder during the A.M. - P.M. not much rain,
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cloudy & very warm - wd S.W. In the night it rained heavily.

Freemen's meeting. Attended to but little A.M. - P.M. went to Freemen's Meeting - went round with them three times voting for representative without making a choice and then, nearly nine in the evening, came home with father disgusted with the proceedings - Shall defer any particulars for the present - See p. 508 -

Sally & Melissa sat up very late preparing Adeline for the Grand Expedition.

This morning my good old friend Mrs C. Barney had the goodness to lend me her trunk to go on a journey.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th It continued very warm through this day - rained some with thunder - a short but tremendous shower took place about 12 at night, lightened most dreadfully, greatly frightened our ladies at H. Taylor's where we slept.

Connecticut expedition. After assiduously exerting ourselves in preparation, assisted most promptly by our good friend Melissa Street and all others of the family we set sail for Connecticut, having on board, besides myself, my lady, the little girl Adeline & C. Stone, with as much baggage as could be stowed in so contracted an establishment. Drove at an easy rate & without discovering anything remarkable on the road, arrived at Dr A. Porter at half past 1 P.M. having left home at about half past 8 A.M. Here we found them all in good health - the Dr himself at home. We rec'd

Sep 1819 every attention that we could possibly wish - viewed their cheese which
442 in number had greatly increased since our visit in June - took leave of them at half past 3 P.M. - came to a public house in N. Ashford where a training of officers and musicians had taken place - heard a few notes from a tolerably well filled and very well equipt Band which I much admired.

Before reaching Pittsfield it was dark - saw it lighten in the S. S.E & W. - half past seven arrived at cousin Henry Taylor's Pittsfield.

I ought not to forget mentioning that the road through Pownal as far as Scranton's at the foot of the long hill was in many places seriously injured by the late great rain cutting deep gullies and washing the hills bare so as to render it very indifferent travelling.

We found the road in Massachusetts, generally speaking, pretty good

In Pownal received a sharp challenge to swap horses with a stranger - for the best of reasons I declined accepting it.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th A finer day is rarely seen, flying clouds - w'd N.W. As cousin Harry & I were walking from his house up into the main street, was very agreeably surprised to be informed that Tim Coben kept public house there, the first intimation of which I received from viewing his sign - so of course walked in and scraped acquaintance - He appeared to be glad to see me - conversed with him a few moments on old affairs - invited him to call upon us on his way to Sunderland where he was bro't up - he promised he would. This man lived formerly with Mr Moseley his brother-in-law, then our neighbor.

Sep 1819 He was always a shrewd jovial lively character, although not then healthy
443 - at this time he presented in his behavior much the same appearance, but had in person become rather corpulent, weighing between 170 & 180 lbs - enjoyed good health - Cousin H. informed me that the stand, which he hired at \$500., yielded him a handsome income. Having viewed some fine work at the coach-makers, broke fast with friend H. & family, shaved me, & attended to some trifling concerns, departed, about 9 A.M. for uncle Ephraim's near Barrington mountain - At Cousin H's was visited in the evening by Dr Wright who enquired about many of his old friends in Bennington - gave him as correct information as my abilities would permit me to. Arrived at Uncle E's past 12 - soon after, Mrs Waters, sister Lydia, & cousin Sally got down from a visit on the mountain which rises in frightful piles immediately above the house, a short distance west, where they had enjoyed an enchanting prospect & gathered a few whortleberries - they were sorry, and so were we, that they had not deferred this jaunt till after our arrival when we would all have hands of us have joined in the expedition.

The P.M. passed off very briskly - Mrs A. with her daughter Anne & son Nathaniel joined our corps which was now very complete & happy - meantime with my flute visited a neighboring young black who they told me could play the violin. His cabin was well stored with females and little ones, basket stuff &c - smoked badly. He had just sent off his borrowed instrument, but upon being solicited dispatched Chauncey & Nathan'l after it, they soon returned without it, the owner's wife said it would not do. I then returned among the cousins.

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Towards evening cousin Sally was gallanted by Mrs P. Waters & Lydia down to Barrington where the minister lived, her present residence - Widow Waters also cleared with her children. To close the scene Mr West over, lady & little ones came over & spent the eve'g, likewise our musician entertained us very agreeably, although not a finished workman, yet he gave evidence of possessing a good genius in his line.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th We saw another fine day, rather warmer than on the 9th. Having been in every respect kindly treated by our venerable friends we took our departure for Litchfield.

Met with nothing worth mentioning except when we were securely riding along a smooth level piece of road our beast suddenly wheeled short round to the left in a terrible fright, leaving us no other alternative than crossing a deep ditch - the female department was soon disembarked in the fracas, which happily for us, ended without any serious accident. This trouble was occasioned by two men jumping from a stone wall after robbing a neighboring orchard of some of its fruit. Past 6 in the eve'g arrived at G. Smedley's, Litchfield Farms - the good man with his lady had gone to Branford with fr'd Parsons & lady.

We were not a little disappointed at finding them absent - felt lonesome, however by making as much noise as possible on the flute and a pewter fife furnished by the young fellow of the house, drove dull cares away. A supper of fowl was prepared by aunt Nabby, S's sister, an old ma maid in whose care the house was left. Besides the young man, there were Jane Stone, aged about 13 & Mariah a little girl given them, aged near 7.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th. We were again blessed with another most beautiful day, clear - wind N.W. Started between 6 & 7 in the morning and came on without meeting with any interruption till after we came past New Haven where we took a wrong road leading over a bridge N. of Dragon I mile - then proceeding a short distance on the turn pike took the first right hand road which leads up a very bad hill after rising which, trundled along over a rough crooked rugged way which at length brought us into the main road to Dublin where we arrived about sun-set - found the folks all at home except Parsons, Smedley & their ladies who were at Stoney Creek enjoying the sea breezes and other fine things found there. Sally's mother & her brother Rufus were not in health. After crossing Dragon river I was surprised to find people so ignorant as a place so much in their neighborhood as that for which we enquired - it fairly vexed me to receive such dry, unintelligible answers as they gave. One other circumstance I must record to show what disposition some persons have to impose on strangers. Just before our arrival at the bridge we asked a man if that was the direct road to Dragon - he replied with some hesitation that it was.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th It was calm hazy warmish weather - wind S.W. Our friends from the sea arrived at Dublin near 10 A.M. in tolerable health except Mrs P. who was some indisposed - there was complaint from other quarters of bad colds &c - friend Rufus endured no inconsiderable pain all day - I was tormented with rheumatism in the left shoulder blade. Parsons, soon after his return, man

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446 ifested a strong disposition to attend divine service, and having in vain solicited company advanced boldly alone apparently determined to venture in, but it was not long before he returned, saying he had marched round the meeting house, looked in at the door - heard them sing, but did not like their singing so well as he did that at Bennington. He with Smedley retired to a place of rest where they lay most of the P.M.

Having written a few lines, took Clark's Travels with a bundle of stalks under my arm and paid a very entertaining visit to my mare down in the lot - sat under a large ancient chestnut reading Clark's remarks on the City & people of Constantinople, while my faithful beast dined on the dainties I carried to her.

Here let it be understood that in this part of the country a terrible drought in conjunction with an army of grubs had almost entirely ruined the grass in meadows & pastures, very materially injured corn, potatoes and other things. In addition to all this, there was no fruit, generally speaking, of any kind throughout these parts. Indeed along the whole of our route in this State, we saw very little of this luxury.

Returning from this excursion met Mrs P. With Adeline in her arms, ctying in a doleful strain, calling for Ma, and refusing everything offered for her consolation. I alternately soothed & threatened without much effect - at last the storm subsided, when her mother arrived from church where she attended P.M. exercise. While this brawling put me in a very awkward pickle, I could not help pitying the child who had awoke from a sound sleep, & finding herself surrounded by strangers was some excuse for her conduct. In the evening Sally by invitation visited her friend Mrs Monro - Mr M. came over and passed a part of the evening here and then, with Parsons, Smedley

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447 Stone, Mr David Butler and another character walked away to Adams' store near the bridge and spent some time there - When business closed here everyone retired to his lodgings - mine were at Mr M's where we were treated in a very friendly and polite manner. On learning that I was plagued with a lame shoulder opodeldoc was furnished to apply to it, which however, I believe did not answer the desired end. Mr M. also had the goodness to give friend Rufus something in the apothecary department for his relief.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th It proved to be rainy and gloomy - wind S.W.
Having paid the usual compliment to young Nancy, which was nothing else than giving her a few cornstalks to keep up her spirits in a pasture so barren, and reading a column in the newspaper while the creature was eating - returned to friend Monto's and took breakfast. Here I found Silliman's Travels in England, Holland and Scotland with which I was enraptured - Spent several delightful hours in perusing them - then returned to friend S's, wrote some of the foregoing pages - about noon paid Miss Nancy another visit - took a new & crooked route by which I returned to the house - hunted in vain for good fruit - found a little not good. By this time it was past noon and a small company of Militia Infantry had assembled for a preparatory drill against general training. Uncle J. Harrison, that juvenile singular character of 67 came over to see us - joined P. & S. in their games. After dinner visited the parade where I could discover hardly anything superior to our Vermont exhibitions of the same kind. The Capt'n & Lieut't were absent reviewing a company in Northford lately incorporated with this of Dublin - the commanding officer was an En-

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sign Barns who appeared quite solicitous to establish his authority on parade, in doing which a little fracas or sort of misunderstanding ensued between him and one of his men named Wm Hale a young man of an unexceptionable character - this business, however, soon subsided without difficulty. This Company appeared to be composed in part of pretty rough characters, many of whom staid till late in the evening committing some irregularities at the tavern which I shall pass over in silence. As to uniform they were not in very good plight. I will insert the Capt's name and dismiss this article - It was Jason Page.

The music performed handsomely consisting of a good fifer, 1 drummer and a performer on the bass-drum. During a part of the P.M. I retired to the apartments of friend Monro, where the book above mentioned & conversation with Mrs Clark, the mother of Mrs M., constituted my chief amusement.

In the evening Sally & I were very agreeably entertained with the sociability & freedom of friend M. & his wife lady - I have very rarely been more delighted in any company - Mrs M. is I certainly think is as sprightly, lively and pleasing a person of her sex as I have ever seen - her husband is not far behind her in any respect - has been bred both a farmer and a merchant - can with ease turn himself to either of those branches - appears to possess much general information - has visited some of the principal commercial places in the N. part of the U.S.

This is the birth-day of Sally Harwood - aged 26.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th Looked cloudy and gloomy - in the morning rained some but finally became a pleasant day wind strong N.W. - flying clouds. All hands of our tribe except the younger part visited the Sea at a place called Stony Creek, Thimble Islands lying off to to S. & S.W. made

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a stand at Bush's Inn. This is a very rough, rocky part of the country but notwithstanding which, produces pretty well in good seasons by cultivation. While here made two little excursions by myself - the first to the house of Mr Abraham Rogers Jun where formerly our friend Jonathan Rogers resided and on whose account, after they had enquired me out, they appeared pleased at seeing me - Spoke very well of him and hoped he would succeed happily in his business - I gave them strong assurances in the affirmative - was very well entertained in conversation with Mr R. & lady & what was more, accepted of an invitation to dine at good farmer's table. Walked with him to a neighboring blacksmith's shop where he had one of his young horses shod - left him there to go & join our comp'y. Found here a young priest with a tall sickly melancholy looking wife (as we presumed) who probably came down for the benefit of health - they possessed little or no sociability.

The second trip led me to a sloop turned upon one side for the purpose of repairing her bottom - she lay about half a mile S. of Bush's at David Barker's wharf being in part owned by him - boarded her - viewed her superficially from stem to stern and then after seeing two men apparently belonging to her holding a kind of council over a barrel of rosin they had just cut open to know if it would answer their purpose as well as pitch - and then visiting an elderly gentleman sitting in a sort of shed picking ocum, while another used the same calk ing (her) the sloop's sides - suddenly retreated by the same circuitous route which had conducted me to that place & returned to our friends. One word respecting the sloop - She was the Hero of Branford carrying from 70 to 100 tons - had just returned from the P. of Maine with a load of lumber. Our fellow visitants

Sep 1819 450 having procured a few black-fish and lobsters we all returned together to Dublin - from thence Sally & I removed our quarters to Mr Bunnell's where we supped - Mr B. absent at N.H. Examined the books among which found the 2d Vol of Goldsmith's England entire, continued by some other author down to the year 1815 - likewise saw a history of the Saracens in 2 Vols in good preservation, although printed, I think in 1752 - the work was borrowed of a gentleman in N. H. - while I was thus engaged Sally discoursed in a manner very lively with Mrs B. & her grand-daughter, Polly Ford, a girl of 14 - their volubility did not turn me aside from my records in which I inserted the events which had just occurred. The evening was greatly exhilarated by the arrival of Mr B. who returned on horseback from N.H. between 7 & 8. Our discourse turned chiefly on books - to illustrate some of his ideas respecting England he produced an old Gazetteer - published about 60 years since, given him by his father. A long evening being most pleasantly spent in this way, we at length retired to good lodgings.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th Fine day - wind N.E. Knowing that Parsons & Smedley had calculated to leave town for Litchfield this morning - went down on foot early to see the former who we expected would reach Bennington sooner than we should - therefore wished him to inform our friends that we calculated to return no sooner than at the end of three weeks - But they had changed their minds - were going again to the sea - desired our company which I rather declined as we had many places to visit & but a limited period allotted for that purpose. Returned to our old friends where we remained till some time in the morning conversing with Mr B. &

Sep 1819 451 and family among whom was Mr Wm Hale (the son of Mrs B. by a former husband) whose reputation and behaviour were highly commendable. He talked of visiting Bennington to work at shoe-making with J.R. Mr B. since our former visit at Branford had disposed of his old farm at Dublin and bo't another where he now resided about 3/4's of a mile S.W. of the meeting house, not far west of the upper pond, pleasantly situated, producing more apples and peaches than all Branford besides the present season, but quite retired, on which account Mrs B. disliked it - he was fond of it, either from choice or necessity and I acquiesced in his judgment - however I would not be understood as intimating that his circumstances were straitened - I had a different opinion. Viewed his one-horse wagon which he had owned 2 years and had lately had it elegantly painted over again, and then we cleared for Dublin where we found our friends preparing for sea - Leaving Sally & A. at friend S's rode up to Mr David Palmer's the residence of that curious genius Wm Reynolds whom I wished to engage to repair a violin. At first he was not at home, but while waiting for his return, young Russell Palmer, his half-brother, passed some very cheering moments with me in examining a collection of music, selected & handsomely written by himself. During this interval express arrived from friend P. that he wished to see me - this however didn't much disturb me - had not yet seen Mr R. - however he soon came - I shewed him the damaged instrument which he concluded he could repair for less than \$1.00 - he then retired with me above stairs into an airy apartment where was suspended an elegant drawing of his deceased father who died on his passage from the West Indies - August 1794, in his 29th year leaving a young widow with an infant son, parents, friends & relations to lament the loss of a liberally educated & all accomplished young man - in another part of the room hung the picture of a French lady dressed in full as far as her person was exhibited. Meantime below

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stairs my young friend found full employ with his instrument looking over tunes with which I furnished him. Mr R. played some very good pieces in which he discovered a native ingenuity that reminds me of that excellent musician Barnet Dixon whose name is recorded in my former journals - the instrument on which he performed was a production of his own-and, tho' externally in an unfinished state, yet produced melodious tones - I took hold of it myself and as great a bungler as I am, could perform with considerable ease, & tolerably correct,

Tow or three hours having worn off so gaily in this way, took leave of my new acquaintance, not however without viewing a picture of Sir Isaac Newton copied from an original painting drawn in 1725 - and looking at a new Gazetteer of Conn't & Rhode Island published last spring which with other circumstances induced me to suppose that the tenants of this pleasant mansion were lovers of books. Mr P's house is well situated on the E. side of the road leading directly up the river from east-bridge - carries the appearance of wealth and good living. Returned to Mr S's - all gone to the sea except mother S. & the children - Sally & I immediately cleared for Mr Nath'l Page's on the N. Guilford road, but before we reached there saw Mr P. who informed us that his people were gone over to Mr John Palmer Sen'r's on Great Hill - upon which, wheeled short about & thither we went - arriving there about the time they did themselves. Here for the first time I saw those two personages of whom I had so often heard Sally speak - John Palmer Jun'r & lady, formerly Miss Rebecca Page, daughter of the gentleman above mentioned of that name. He, Palmer, is about the middling size, has an old look, not over homely, nor has he more beauty to boast of than myself - speaks low - rather lisps a little. She is well made good sized person - regular features - resembling in many respects Mrs Denio of Rupert Vt. - a cousin of mine - about as ~~t~~ tall, but not crooked like her - appears to possess a good disposition. Talked considerably with her husband who related some of his sea adventures which were pretty entertaining - Business at length called him home but his place was more than filled by young Ami Baldwin who came over to see me - I went with him to his uncle's hard by where he resides - then

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he took his violin, a very good sounding one made by our friend Reynolds, and rolled off some lively airs - not however in so soft and elegant style as Mr R. We played a few tunes together - returned to Mr P's and there he made some pretty regular movements in the musical line. Mrs Palmer's mother accompanied her on this visit - she likewise brought her two daughters, all the children she had at present - the eldest 4, the youngest $1\frac{3}{4}$ yrs old named Juliann - & Polly, good looking, lively and smart. This visit being closed, we by invitation, rode up to Mr Page's where our horse was kept - from thence with J.P. & his wife and children marched on to some distance further and tarried with them. Mr Page came down himself & spent great part of the evening in conversation & hearing the flute a little withal. The house in which these people lived was built in ancient style - 2 stories in front - 1 in the rear - like many in this part of the country - in such I reside at home, but perhaps in better repair, for it may be many years newer or younger or anything we can think of that is most proper to call it. Let me before I finish the account of this day, add something to what has been said of my friend A.B. He is tallish, pretty straight, long slim arms and legs - marches boldly, carries a good head, feels well being in expectation of his uncle's property on account of his having no children, has a dark complexion, heavy eye-brows and I think black eyes, and a pretty smooth round face

To sum up the whole at once, he very much resembles a young man in Bennington named H.....m S.....s. Mr B. is in his 19th yr - beats the bass drum for the Bradford company - Says he lives easy.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th Fine warmish weather - a little tinged with smoke. Our friends who had treated us in a plain but most friendly manner suffered us to deaprt latish in the morning - called at Mr Page's a little while - here we saw Mr Roderick Harrison who had before become some acquainted with me - paid us handsome compliments. His late wife was the daughter of Mr P., left 2 children, one

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of which was near here, the other with the nurse in E. Guilford - her name was Abigail - she and her sister were all the children their parents had - so that her death must have been peculiarly cutting to them as well as her numerous relatives & friends. These 2 sisters were among Sally's most intimate companions at this place. Mr H's child being some unwell, Dr Fitch, a most singular looking & odd behaved man, as he was riding past, was called in to prescribe medicine for its relief. In dismounting from his horse he addressed him in very rough language which he uttered in a harsh drawing tone - such as - "You are more afraid of a fly than Christians are of He...l". He made some ~~am~~ amusing observations in conversations with the mother of Mr Page, a smart old lady, and her daughter-in-law, who was also a well turned person, appearing almost as young as her daughter, whom he styled "Old Gran ny" & young granhy His beard had not been taken off for many days - called it his tippet - his feet were singularly shod - his great coat without a cape & much worn & indeed his whole conduct & equipage indicated mental derangement, which I have been informed is unhappily the case. It originated in a most terrible fit of sickness which left him in this unhappy condition, previous to which he possessed talents of the most brilliant kind and did more business than anyone of that profession in this vicinity - even now, although strong drink has come in aid of unavoidable insanity, yet gets considerable employ. Saw at this house in a large bible, a handsome specimen of Mr Bunnell's ingenious penship - the name & death of the owner with the necessary particulars were beautifully instrided on a leaf next the title page. Augustus P. died at sea aged 22 - A.D. 1799. The writing was executed in January or February 1800. We took leave of these people, after seeing or being informed that Mr P. and sons-in-law had gone down to the sea to get salt-hay & sedge - and came down to friend Rufus' intending to take his lady with us up to D. Butler's, but she was washing & could not go - Parsons & Smedley had calculated to start for Smedley-Litchfield this morning, but were disappointed by the indisposition of the latter, which held on all day.

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Toket Hill was ascended with widow S., Sally & the little girl. Our visit was divided between the houses of David & Jairus Butler - Found the aged uncles John & Mathew in usual health - the former is a bachelor - complained some & looked unwell, the latter, who told me he was in his 72d year said he was well, but could not walk quite as easily as formerly - to illustrate which he related a lively anecdote of their former minister in this Society, which for want of skill, time & room

I omit. We were soon followed by Mr P. & lady & Mr Hale, whose sister had been some months since married to Mr J's B. and by whom she had a fine babe. Friend P. had not long been here when cousin D's wife wanted some chickens killed - and in getting his gun for that purpose awakened P. from his sweet slumbers, who with his usual hastiness requested the privilege of shooting - at 5 shots killed 4, and afterwards, more being called for, at 1 shot killed 4 more that were then found on the ground; next morning a fifth was found supposed to have been done at the same fire - I say killed, but it would be more proper to say killed & wounded. P. had not fired a musket before perhaps with in 15 years - professed to be no marksman - & indeed was none, but such was his luck.

Cousin David & his aged father walked with P., myself & f'd H. towards the summit of the hill west of the house where we could view the Sound, L. Island sand banks, & the steeple of N. Guilford meeting house, but the scenery was not so grand as at the S. end of the hill from whence I cast my eye in Sept. 1815 - Having satiated our curiosity here returned to the house where cousin Jainus, who was much engaged in work, spared a moment to spend with us - gave us an invitation to walk over to his house, but having erected a kind of temporary stage on the waggon for the convenience of writing, I could not join in accepting it. Pursued this business till called to supper after which we all cleared out. We enjoyed here a pleasant lively visit - the younger part of the family were in comfortable health except Mrs B. who had been considerably unwell the summer past. Young R. felt pretty neat. Cousin Jainus child was some poorly. Leaving Sally &

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456 lodged with him at Mr Bunnell's, my mare being kept in the bargain. About 8 in the eve'g Mr B. arrived in his waggon from N. Haven. *From the*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th Cloudy, with some signs of rain - wind S.W. At an early hour I awoke, found my horse which I fed on corn cut up by the roots. A little past sun-rise started with Mr H. & another gentleman soldier, in Mr B's waggon for Wallingford meeting house, distant 12 miles to the N. and after travelling one-third of the way, through by hilly, stony unfrequented roads, as crooked as they were bad, arrived in good condition there in good season. At a slovenly sort of house put out the nag - their well was the largest in circumference that I ever saw - this dirty farm house is some 30 or 50 rods S.E. the meeting house. The regiment, after all the mabeuvers commonly performed on similar occasions were at length paraded in the main street. Here they were inspected - An immense crowd of spectators were present among whom were pedlars of almost every description & in gr't numbers selling all kinds of eatables that could be mentioned at this season.

The Reg't consisted of 10 well uniformed, well armed & pretty decently well filled companies of Infantry - marched pretty correctly - had good music & enough of it - a good band composed a part of it.

From the T. they marched down onto a sandy plain $3/4$ of a mile S.W. of the ~~meeting~~ house - there rec'd the Brig'r Gen'l - had prayers & received speech from their inspector - marched round once or twice - cut some few other dashes and then marched back into the street - fired a few rounds, drank the Col's rum and were dismissed. I think in many respects they exceeded our Vermonters, but the field & staff officers were bot better if so well dressed & equipped as they are. As I am not versed in the military science shall dismiss this subject with stating that in order to keep off spectators and maintain martial rules a regular guard was detached and regularly posted & relieved in army style. On

our return we took a good road & safely arrived at Mr B's past 7 or thereabouts in the eve'g.

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457 A list of officers names if obtained shall appear below. I must here acknowledge the pleasure which it gave me to be so fortunate as to as sociate with that that good hearted companion & friend Jasper Monro with whom I passed most of the time while at this review. I never had so lively a sense of being surrounded by entire strangers as when first I came near the parade this morning previous to finding Mr M. - the 6th company, which was from Branford, having in it a few individuals with whom I was acquainted, seemed as near to me as if they had marched direct from and were composed of Bennington men - All the way there - and at Wallingf'd the drought had been as bad as at Branford - Saw some fine pieces of broom corn - Indian corn and potatoes generally poor - indeed the prospect in this quarter is terrible to all.

It remains for me to say a few more words respecting this day & I shall have done. A great proportion of the spectators was made up of ladies many of whom I took to be not of the highest order. But what attracted my attention as much as anything was the sight of the numerous throng of the sons and daughters of Africa that appeared upon the ground.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th Fine weather - but hazy - a storm was supposed to be rising. Removed my quarters from Mr B's to friend Rufus' at Dublin - here I found them in usual health - P. & S. had cleared for Litchf'd on Friday morning. Spent most of the day at Mr D. Palmer's - music was chiefly attended to. Saw another good book - a late but small Biographical Dictionary, giving an account of many interesting characters - Saw Mr Atwater the minister - a thick set well shaped broad featured healthy looking man - resembling I think capt Wm B....t of Bennington - he had his one h.wag.seat fixed a little - without pay or price - Russell P. had it offered him, but would not receive any. About 4 P.M. uncle Jainus came along and invited me to walk with him up to his son-in-laws John Harrison's - here we tarried perhaps an hour - played several tunes for them - here uncle J. told me he was born - and returning down the

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458 the hill mentioned having followed many of his relations & friends to the grave on that road, but nothing of this kind ever cut him down like the funeral of his only child, late consort of his nephew whom we had just now visited. She was born in the yr 1777 - small in stature - always possessed a fine disposition - could sing most delightfully - performed a most essential part in all her father's schools at one time which united to a thousand other endearing qualifications rendered her death peculiarly distressing to her fond parents and friends - such was the poignancy of his grief; to such a height were his feelings wrought up, that not a tear could flow to relieve a broken heart. Bringing this case home to myself I was unable to suppress a gust of passion that powerfully visited my mind at that moment, from which it was recalled by changing the subject of conversation. In the evening we visited our folks at R's as hard as we could jump.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th Dim, hazy weather - wind N.E. P.M. visited church - heard a well delivered, good discourse from Mr Atwater - sat in the same pew that cousin D. Butler's lady occupied - Sally seated herself above stairs - eve'g visited uncle Jainus' -

played the flute - some young folks were there - Wm A. Reynolds, Wm Hale A. Baldwin, Polly & Sally Merrick. Mrs B. Monro was of the party - we waited upon her home.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th High chilly and melancholy blew the w'd from N.E. - cloudy. Went up great hill way with Mrs S., & Sally & each had a child with her, to J. Butler's. This man appeared to have hard fortune, & what was more, his lady to whom he had been married little more than a year frowned discontent - wished she had remained as he found her, an old maid. Cousin J. was nearly 45 - she was turned of 30 - With the old gent'n I talked much respecting revolutionary days. In the eve'g we enjoyed another lively visit at fr'd Monro's - Mrs M. in as good spirits as usual.

Sep 1819 459 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st The wind was astonishingly high in the N.E. - cloudy - Sand filled the air all round N. Haven Started this morning from Dublin, No Branford, at about 7, and before 6 P.M. arrived at G. Smedley's in Litchfield - came in company with the stage great part of the way from N. Haven - The turnpike is a lonesome, but pretty good road. Our friends received us very kindly - we needed repose after a rough days journey, & enjoyed it.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd Dull, gloomy weather - wind high N.E. rained some P.M. We wanted to visit Ned Stone & establishment, but the weather was so rough that we lay upon our oars all day. One of the neighbors having an ox that was choked with an apple, several persons handled him under old Mr Smedley's shed & by squeezing his throat, and the great exertion he himself made, forced the thing up immediately.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23d Rained heavily in the morning - P.M. cloudy, wind S. Ev'g rain came furiously in short dashes - lightened several times. With fr'd Gid & lady we visited brother Josiah, 1/2 a mile E. of Litchfield Village, near to or adjoining the burying place, in which is a costly monument erected to the memory of Oliver Wolcott formerly gov. of the state (as his son who bears his name, is at present) who was born Dec. 1st., 1726 - died Dec. 1st 1797)

The same monument contains the epitaph of his consort. Near the house in which we found our friends, is a large mill pond; saw-mill & grist-mill. The stream here flows from N. to S. and is the principal one which forms great pond in the S.W. quarter of the pond town.

Friend Parsons & lady were yet here - Mrs P. some better in health Soon after our arrival friend S. accompanied us on our way to town - called at

Sep 1819 460 a negro establishment & bo't a bottle of excellent beer which which he richly treated us. While waiting for the beer, hearing someone thrumming a violin - stepped into the little back parlour and saw an elderly and a youngish man of the dusky tribe sitting there, the latter being the person who held the instrument. A white fellow appeared to be about there trying to hire the young man to play for him, or for some other purpose, no matter what - at any rate considerable agitation seemed to exist in the old man's mind - many words were spoken on the occasion, & that's all I know about it. Arrived in town we saw no inconsiderable number of people drawn together to witness a sham fight between a rifle & an infantry company. I thought they were not so ac-

tive as they might have been - both appeared well - the former had the best music - the latter was most numerous. At Catlins' saw Ned Stone and Parsons - the former appeared to feel well and was extremely funny, particularly when we supped at his brother's. To close the proceedings of this day we drove in the dark (at the same time encountering some hard dashes of rain) five & half miles back to brother Gid's where we arrived in safety before 9 o'clock - friend Gid. led the way. I need not say that we underwent much with fear and anxiety during this ride.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th The weather continued extremely dull, rained smartly P.M. & evening - wind S.W. - pretty warm - We could not go to Ned's, therefore remained as we were. Music, writing & reading formed the main employment.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th Wind continued blowing fresh from the S.E. foggy & very dull in the morning - towards noon the fog dispersed, but continued cloudy & warm all day. Rained very hard P.M. & eve'g.

Sep 1819 461 Our long talked of expedition to friend Ned's was this day happily accomplished, tho' not without getting some sprinkled on our return. Himself and family were in comfortable health except his wife's sister who lay very low of the consumption. Notwithstanding the frowns of fortune our friend appeared very lively, cheerful & gay - had none of the ceremonies at table which he performed when I was there in 1815 - but enjoyed a smart pub with as much mirth as any of us. Lives in the same place, is married to that old maid mentioned at that time, who is his 2d wife. Harriet his eldest daughter is 14, Ann the 2d is nearly 11, and Walter his fine little boy 3 years & 1 month old. Found the road, out towards this secluded spot, considerably improved since my former visit - it is about 5 miles N.W. friend Gid's and 3 in a direct course W. from the court house. We here had a most excellent visit - when not busy with papers & books, friends G. & N. pitch quoits with a boy at at Tom Stones an establishment near by. Made a safe return at night just before 7, some dark, highly satisfied with our good visit, feeling pleased that we should not at this time be obliged to traverse that rough road any more.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th Storm not over yet - P.M. & ev'g rained powerfully. We fancied ourselves pretty snugly laid up at friend Gid's - Read & talked away a long evening in a most friendly manner.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th Fair till towards night, then became cloudy.. I had calculated largely on starting for home this morning, but affairs were so situated that we could not get an early start, & considering the state of the travelling to be somewhat impaired by the late rain -

Sep 1819 462 concluded that by waiting this day, we should get away at an early hour next morning - the roads growing better in the bargain. - Rode with friend Gid. this P.M. (he finding horse & waggon) to a carding machine 4 miles to the S.E. in a very rough narrow valley - Here while waiting for the carding of a part of our friends wool, having nothing with which to amuse myself, got hold of the 1st Vol of Shakespeares Tales wherein I found real entertainment - read three of the first stories, the last of

which suited me best. We came away about 5 o'clock - stopped at a black smith's to get the waggon repaired, which was shortly done, then came to Kimboly's where Batchford took the horse & waggon and carried Mrs K. & another lady to some place 2 miles to the West. We marched home and enjoyed a pleasant eve'g with our ladies who dressed fowls.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th Good weather, some paart of the day pretty warm
Our friends this morning lent an assisting hand in hastening our departure which took place at half past 7. Found bad travelling this side Goshen where the road had been lately repaired & the rains had made mortar of the dirt which had been hauled in. At Canaan Meeting House baited - about 1 P.M. were again in motion but at a very slow rate through the swamp which the road crosses after leaving the last mentioned place where the mud, which had been thrown up was very very deep, making it extremely difficult for a horse to drag a waggon or any kind of carriage through it. Except the above instances had good dd doings till we reached uncle E. Taylor's near Monument Mountain. Here we met with a most cordial reception - enjoyed more satisfaction than we possibly could in the best furnished palace. Walked a few rods in the eve'g to one the neighbors with uncle Eph. on an errand - the moon shone bright.

Sep 1819 463 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th., Cloudy & cool, some rainy towards night -
Wind N.W. Having visited our friends in a very pleasing manner till between 8 & (9 in the morning - then left them and came up, without calling upon cousin Harry of Pittsfield, to Dr Porter's & tarried all night.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th Fine day, warm, wind N.W. Loitered till late in the A.M. looking at the mint distillery, carding machine, clothiers works and the Dr's books, after which rode home over bad road where we arrived about 3 P.M. At the doctors there staid a very odd charter named John Clark, Mrs P's uncle. We met 2 men on the road of Expedition whom we bo't 2 brooms at 0/9 a piece. At home found all well and every- ended thing progressing in regular order - they, the men, Mr Bliss inclusive, were getting up rowen in the little meadow at which I assisted - it amounted to State of one good load. Our good father had improved every moment of each day affairs since my absence to the best advantage - Henry with some bad exceptions at home. had been a pretty good boy most of the time - in some instances he was very good - Mr Bliss had assisted some. The flax was spread, corn cut up, greatest part of the potatoes dug, fencing back of the rocks repaired, between 10 & 12 bbls of cider made for ourselves besides 2 hogsheads for E. Waters - &c &c - Jonathan had been well employed in his line - had assisted our people some. In Capt Pratt's Company Ensign Godfrey had resigned his commission and J. Norton Jun was elected in his stead - how the other officers stood I am unable to state - to cap all, old B. of Pownal had died of hard drinking.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER
1st & 2nd Roughish, cloudy, cool weather, wind N.W. Dug potatoes. Mr Bliss assisted first day - Eve'g of the 2d visited town, sent home the waggon, returned Clark's trunk, carried to Fassett about 38 lbs butter, rec'd in advance of Capt D. Robinson \$5. in advance for butter. He under mistake told me he had a demand note against me, but he found I was not the person meant.

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~~Sept~~ 1819 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th Chilly & some rainy late in the day - wind N.W.
 464 Composed the greater part of a letter to Stone & Hale
 Letter of Branford inviting the former to come up & join friend Jonathan in the
 Stone & shoemaking business. Lucy Street paid us a visit from Conklins'.
 Hale.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5th A hard frost this morning - none previous to
 Potatoes the this. Fine weather, wind S.W. Finished digging
 quantity 350 bhls potatoes and took away the sheep from Mr Week's, gave him 7 head
 Sheep brotfor pasturing them - bro't away 38 - missed 2 which were supposed to have
 home been lost in the pasture. All the above happened on Monday - This day,
 being kindly excused by Cap't Pratt from Training, remained at home work-
 Bliss in the barn A.M. P.M. at husking corn. Mr Bliss worked for us - killed
 a sheep in the morn'g - Young folks from town were here in the eve'g.
 Times Cousin Margaret & Cousin Sukey ^{Harwood} were visiting here - Father & I were much
 agitated about our business - so much cider was to be made by us & other
 work to do that the prospect was gloomy in the extreme. Henry after as-
 sisting Erastus in transporting 2 loads of lime, the one to Algiers, the
 other to Court House Hill, went a hunting all day. Mr Jo Norton visited us
 in the field towards night - talked, among other affairs, about the
 late gen Wright of Pownal. Ed'd Savage & lady made a short tarry in the
 Death of eve'g.
 Gen Wal- Died on Sunday morning, in this town, general Ebenezer Walbridge aged
 bridge about 83 - long an inhabitant of this place. He was a hero of the RevO-
 lution, fought at Walloomsack &c.

Oct 1819 We received a letter from cousin Catherine of Attica, dated Sept 19th 1819
 465 setting forth that her mother is ill, the farm sold, and themselves much
 discouraged &c.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th Fine, warm weather - Continued harvesting
 corn. Mr Bliss assisted. J. Rogers, T. Hills
 Cave & A. Booth with the ladies M. Street, C. Norton of Goshen & L. Norton visited
 party. the cave. The former of the Misses did not go down. We worked in the
 evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th., Very warm indeed, day & evening. No differ-
 T. Harvey ence in work nor hands. Mr Harvey bro't his
 Henry mother & wife here & left them to make a visit. Mr Henry Hopkins, son of
 Hopkins. Major Waite Hopkins, a brave revolutionary officer, unhappily killed on an
 island in Lake George, came to pay a short visit to my father, with whom he
 worked in 1785 at Col Ben Fassett's where now lives Dr Swift - they were
 very glad to see each other. Cousin S. Robinson & Margaret Harwood left
 here this morning for their respective homes.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th Wind high, S.W. but clear & warm all day. Our
 work & hands continued to be the same as above.
 Cousin In the eve'g cousin Nathan R. came down with cousin Sukey & paid us a vis-
 Sukey Har it, assisted a little at husking. A young man from Hinsdale, Mass came to
 wood. bring Butler's sketches of universal history to Jonathan, a copy of which
 Butler's he had signed for in June - price \$1.37 - the man tarried all night with
 History. us.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th., Very fresh S.W. wind - cloudy with signs of rain.
 Corn. Cribbed between 70 & 80 bhls sound corn, reckoning
 as if it were shelled, stacked all the stalks from which the corn had been
 picked & 4 loads of pumpkins were carted besides other choars. Mr Hinman
 & Gleason pressed out cider. Mr Bliss here again.

Oct 1819 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th Rainy homeley weather - wind N.W. - Wrote no mat-
466 ter what - Read Butler's Sketches of Universal
present History of which friend Jonathan had made a generous present to me. P.M.
from J. took a walk with Erastus to the limekiln - found black cherries very plen-
Rogers ty under the trees which the high wind during the last night had blown off

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th., Rather rough, flying clouds, wind N.W. mild P.M.
Worked at picking apples for cider & to keep in
Collins winter - cleared the little meadow. Mr Henry Hopkins tarried here this
Batt. night. Collins Batt came to work for us in the morning.

Nathan TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th., Tolerably good weather. Apples still under the
Robinson hammer. Nathan Robinson came early to our assist-
ance. Mr Hopkins late in the morning took his leave of us - having made
my friends a well received visit. Mr Kent was employed in our service,
hooping old casks. I said the weather was tolerably good, but it was not
so all day, rainy at night.

Butter & In the evening, accompanied by father, carried to H.H. Fassett about 43
cheese lbs butter which with what was delivered to him on the 2d inst made it up
disposed to 80 or thereabouts at 1/0 pr lb - likewise 89 lbs cheese at \$00.7" 1r lb
of. - also to Darius Clark 203 lbs of the latter at the same price. Saw uncle
Cash paid S. Robinson by whom we had sent a \$5.00 bill to take up that note given on
to D. Mer- the 9th July - gave us the note & the change to a fraction. We reasoned
ritt & sonloudly on the hard times returning home.

Oct 1819 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13th Snowed roughly indeed in the morning, clouds thick
467 & black most of the day - sharp wind from N.W.
Cider Made cider, sent 2 hhds to the still. Husking corn in the barn was complea-
ted by the boys, who P.M. picked apples. Connect't tin pedlar from South-
Conn't bury tarried all night here & till nearly noon trying in vain to trade
Pedlar. with Jonathan - His bill of 50" he paid in trifles very small.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th., Frozen hard in the morning - Rough & blue all day
Business in the orchard advanced slowly. The
boys when not employed at the apples were put to threshing. Mr Gleason
Fuller's butchered a sheep here weighing about 47 lbs. Mr Fuller took away his cow
cow. which he brought to pasture on the 21st July - had kept her ever since
with the exception of perhaps 3 days. The girls visited Mrs Nims. Set up
Stove set Old Trenor in the kitchen on the 10th inst. - a good calculation as it
up. turned out. On Wednesday even'g Jonathan & the ladies as well as boys at-
C. Batt. tended Mrs Kent's paring bee. C. Batt pushed for home, P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15th., Moderate weather, flying clouds, wind S.W. Again
Apples to made cider - send Henry down with 4 hhds to the
J. Norton Still at Capt Norton's. Montague was about us P.M. & assist cousin Nathan
at gathering apples. Mr Jo Norton with his grand-son Harry gathered and
rec'd in advance towards blacksmithing 18½ bhls apples at 1/0.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th Rainy gloomy weather till nearly noon which con-
siderably retarded our main business, however gath-
apples to ered a goodly quantity of fruit for cider & for winter. Mr B. Squire had
B Squire 20 bhls winter & sauce apples, picked by himself & boy at the rate above
S Robin- mentioned. One hhd cider was carried to the still. Uncle S. Robinson recd
son. a quantity of winter apples - Rode with him to Swift & Pickett's store -
Butter D. delivered at D. Robinson Jun 30 lbs butter according to contract made on 2d
Robinson instant. Settled in full with H H Fassett and rec'd cash 21 dolls 67 cts
Settled which I immediately paid with other money to the amt of \$27.39" to Swift
with & Pickett - Did not settle accounts here.
Fassett.

Oct 1819 but had the books cursorily examined and found the am't on Pickett's
468 private acc't to be \$33.40 & on that of the firm of S & P to be \$62.52
Add to the above \$7. or thereabouts transferred from aunt Hannah & cous-
Affairs in Lovicy's account to ours & the whole would be \$92.92 - a sum exceedig
at Swift by more than \$25.00 what I had expected to find it. I reduced this debt
& Pickets to \$62.16" by paying the cash above mentioned and having 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs butter
which was credited to last years acc't, turned in against the present one
We thought possibly there might be a mistake in posting the books -
agreed to settle ere long. Lawyer Hall & friend Parsons were present dur
ing most of the time while I was busy with Mr P. I suspect my calcula-
tion above would be quite as correct if the 7 were added which would make
it amount of \$99.92"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th., Very unpleasant and rainy in the A.M. P.M. chill-
ing winds & flying clouds. Read the Columbian.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18th., Considerably blue & not very cold, flying clds,
wind N.W. Snow whitened the heads of the moun-
tains. We collected from the y'g orchard about 145 bhls apples, were as-
sisted by cousin N. Robinson, Melissa & Dama all day, Lydia P.M. Father
very unwillingly had to be on jury at Capt Hill's to decide in a cause
Knapp vs between J.J. Hendryx & Elijah Knapp - it went against the former who had
Hendryx to keep the coat he had made for the latter & pay him for the cloth the
value of which would not pay the costs although it was estimated at \$9.00
The trial was before Tho's Wilder Esq

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19th., Cloudy with signs of rain - wind S.W. 5 loads
of fruit was gathered in the young orchard and
the flax taken up consisting of 174 bundles. Mr Batt $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Mr Bliss &
Collins Batt all day.

Oct 1819 Melissa & Dama were again on the carpet - performed nobly. Mr Baker of
469 Arlington came up to see us this eve'g - talked of teaching school in
School this District the coming winter.
affairs.

Apple WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th Extremely black muddy unpleasant weather, rainy
gathering wd S.W. We nearly compleated gathering fruit in
N. Robin- the young orchard. Our assistants Messrs Bliss & Batt, N. Robinson & C.
son Batt. The day was closed working in the old orchard. Nathan at night
went home. Played on the fiddle a good while this evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21st Continued much like the 20th as to weather, but
more mild P.M. - rained none of importance in the
part of the day. Made cider. Sent Henry with 3 hhd's to Norton's still
Dr Swift which in all am't to 10 bbls & 29 gs. Dr Swift with his daughter paid us
a visit in the evening. Let us return to affairs of the day. Mr Bliss
Betsey butchered a sheep for us this morn'g weighing 47 lbs. Miss Betsey Stret
Street. arrived here direct from N. York City where she had lately been living with
Mr Cardall. Mrs Street with 3 of her daughters were assembled here this
eve'g. Henry returned from Mr Fay's with a stray lamb which they had
kept up a few days. We computed the y'g orchard yielded for cider more
than 400 bhls apples.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22nd., Sour, cloudy & very disagreeable in the morning,
but towards noon and till past that time it was
tolerably pleasant, then soon after 2 P.M. became very stormy from N.W.
rain & snow - A hhd of cider was conveyed to the still, con-field cleared
of everything, stacks fenced and in the storm several bhls winter & other

fruit gathered in the young orchard. Mr Bott came on the morn'g, but went away again.

Oct 1819 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd Unpleasant cold & frosty in the morning - Black, 470 cloudy & snowy A.M. P.M. cloudy rainy towards night, wd S.W. - My birth-day, aged 31 - We made cider, of which sent 4 hhd's to the still, amounting to 14 bbls, 8 gals. Hial Parsons stabled his horses here this night, conversed here awhile and then retired to his brother's. Collins Batt had worked here this week 4 days, Messrs Batt & Bliss one each - N. Robinson 2 - Mr Bliss butshered as stated p.469. We had now got in most of our winter fruit of which we calculated to lay up at least Cider car-50 bbls - had carried upwards of 68 bbls cider to the still, designed to ried to add enough more to average 70 - had obtained from about 3 acres, 100 bbls the still sound corn - the Sept corn in proportion was very little, but it was not Corn & yet all fed out - from $1\frac{3}{4}$ acres dug 350 bbls good potatoes, those which Mr Potatoes Bliss let us have we did not much like - not so smooth & fair as E. Whites. Our cornfield produced 8 loads pretty good pumpkins - feed in the meadow Catman held out so that we had a good season for making butter. This day Dan'l paid. Oatman, dry good peddlar, called upon us & we pd him in full his due in cash \$2.50⁰⁰ for mother's shawl - traded with him no more for want of cash & means - P.434 Cohsin S. Robinson called to see us about noon, tarried but a little while - enquired for friend Montague.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th., Continued as unpleasant as heretofore, rainy & chilly. Wrote an answer to cousin Catherine advising her mother to take up stakes and quit that country & return to this that if she could find means to get here we would lend assistance &c after her arrival.

Snow MONDAY, OCTOBER 25th., Cold frosty pleasant morn'g, but very snowy most of the day, though it made but little show on the gr'd - loaded the trees

Oct 1819 Made cider for Dr Swift. Henry went to the still with a load of cider - 471 hhd & bbl for ourselves & 1 bbl for Elisha Waters In the evening I went to town - carried to Col Merrill 50 lbs butter and Butter loo do cheese - 50 lbs do to H.H. Fassett - pay yet due. Judge Robinson was thought very dangerously ill. Stayed a few moments at Patchins' play-Cash recd ing on F. Blackmer's flute - Sam & his father were there - the former rode for Rogersdown St with me to Nims & Greenwood's. This morning Dr Swift, by my hand, paid Jona Rogers for riding his colt in August last \$2.00 in current money Gov's At Clark's rec'd papers - in this day's (say Tuesday's) Gazette was the speech. farewell speeches of the gov. & Lieut gov. - both good. Mr C. informed me Columbian that the Columbian had stopped coming from N.York. I had previously thru' stopped. motives of economy refused taking it another year.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26th It was very chilly frowning cloudy & muddy all day. Snow lay all day on Pownal mountain. We Flax seed looked to Dr Swift's cider - gathered some fruit for house use. Henry was sold. sent to mill, blacksmith's & oil mill - to the latter place carried 4 bbls Wm Haff 19 qts flax-seed - got back sometime after dark. Wm Haff on his way from Wilmington to White Creek paid us a short visit - said it was extremely frozen & snowy in Wilmington & on the mountain where the snow lay 4 inches deep.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30th On the 27th frosty in the morning, chilly & cloudy wd S. 28th pretty good day for out-door work, wd S.W. 29th mild wind S.W. - cloudt with signs of storm - this day - wind changed its direction to N.W. cloudy, cold increasing all day. We had now

nearly compleated gathering apples of every description. Mr Champney with his children had picked up 273 bushels at 1 bbl of cider for

Oct 1819 for every 50 bhls of apples gathered delivered at the mill. Mr Buckley
472 Squire had received 4 bbls cider waggon rent as agreed upon P.431 at \$1.00
B Squires per bbl which with 20 bhls apples rec'd on the 20th exceeded what was due
for the waggon 33" - Sold to Dan'l Church 7 bhls sweet ap's for cash, not
Apples & yet rec'd & to H H Fassett 4 more, all at 25", the latter to be rec'd out
cider sold Wallace's store. Col Merrill on the 28th rec'd at his house 3 & Fassett 2
bbls cider at the usual price. Had made for Dr Swift 33½ bbls cider and
Wm Haff upwards of 17 for ourselves - sold 2 to Wm Haff, besides 6 bhls winter &
sauce apples 25" & 2½ for common use at 1/0 - which in all, cider inclusive
amounted to \$3.91 He staid in Tanbrook this night, Mr Leach, the pension-
er rec'd 2¾ bbls of Dr Swift's cider - we made it up of our own to 3 bbls
N. Robin- - this day - Mr Batt came on and had about a dozen bushels apples to pay
son for work by himself & boy - all carried safe home to him. Cousin Nathan
on Friday worked for us a part of the day - at night took home a quantity
Butter of apples - he this day worked here again. By Henry D. we sent 15½ lbs
sold butter to Asa Hyde - 15 lbs more to Darius Clark at 1/0 pr lb. On the ev'g
of the 27th thoroughly examined the books at Swift's & Pickett's & found
Accounts everything perfectly correct except one article, which on enquiry at home
at Pick- found to be a just charge - The whole Co. bill \$62.52
etts Pickett's private account previous to the 17th of April \$3.42 33.42
Assumed account which P. held against Lovicy Har'd & her moth 7.50
\$ 103.44

From this subtract \$27.39 cash & 19 yds red flannel @ 50" 9.50

36.89
\$ 66.55

This sum looked large to us at this dry crisis - we wished it could have been much smaller. From the above \$66.55 on further recollection I find there should be deducted \$3.33" paid last yr in butter - which left due him or them \$63.22" -

Oct 1819 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st., Cloudy & very chilly in the morning - quite pleas
473 't & cool P.M. - cold in the evening & wind N.W.
Peters Some part of the family heard excellent preaching from Mr Peters. Cousin
U.M. Rob- U.M. came down after service & paid us a short visit, spoke encouragingly
inson of the late projected dancing school - likewise said they talked of gett-
ing up their old Debating Society. Judge Robinson was considered to be
W. Haff very near his final dissolution. This morning Mr Haff left here for White
Creek. He informed us that on the 26th his wife presented him with a sec-
ond female child.

NOVEMBER 1st., MONDAY Pleasant A.M. P.M. cloudy, wind raw from SW. We
M & B made cider - got done grinding & began to press
Street in good season. Melissa gallanted her sister Betsey to Cardell's City

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2d Appearances indicated approaching rain, but none
of much importance fell. Visited town & procured
Apples cider casks of Merrill & Fassett; another set was wanting but did not get
and more this day. We had now about compleated the work of gathering ap-
ples for the present season.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3d Rather thick, smoky, muddy & homeley - wind S.W.
Made cider - Delivered to Col Merrill a hogshead
containing 105 gs, to Fassett 2 bbls, to Mr Bliss 2 & to Capt C. Hills 3
bbls cider - we sent Henry after Hill's & Bliss's casks - He carried cider
onto the hill. I went with that destined to Algiers. Died this morning
in his 64th year Hon. Jno Robinson Esq' - late member of the U.S. Senate,

Death of Judge Robinson formerly Chief Judge Superior Court, Vt.

Nov 1819 474 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4th Moderate, but cloudy, rained a little at night. Work did not drive to a great rate. Father attended Judge Robinson's funeral which was large, some coming from other towns. This eve'g visited the house of friend L. Norton on an errand respecting Mr Wilder's hogshead. At the still they were full of cider. Montague Erastus had set a 40 g. kettle in an arch for him and nearly completed the chimney - it was erected at the SW corner of his wood house.

Military exhibition. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5th., The morning dawned with a prospect of fine weather though it was cold, and indeed until noon we could not dismiss the idea, but P.M. the wind increased in strength from N.W., some part of the time snow & hail were flying - Cloudy all day - Quite cold all the P.M. and ev'g. A.M. made cider - P.M. attended a military exhibition performed by Mr Cheesebrow the Fencing Master with Cavalry, Artillery & Infantry - The ground chosen for this purpose was V.D. Speigel's meadow, N.W. of Dr Swift's house. The evolutions executed were numerous, elegant, & well performed considering the rawness of the men & the inclemency of the weather - considerable powder was burned on the occasion. The field officers were Gen Cheesebrow, dismounted, Col Henry Robinson, & Maj Walworth from Hoosick - adjutant John Hicks, A. Rice performed some part in the staff of what grade I do not know - these last were all mounted. Gen C. did honor to himself & profession - rec'd applause from all - Col R. & associates did well. A number of ladies in spite of the forbidding nature of the weather had a peep at this novel spectacle - Among others were Sally & 'Dama, the former of whom was wounded by stepping upon an iron rake in E. Waters' orchard.

Nov 1819 475 Many citizens were present, of whom numbers were commissioned officers of the line as well as others who had recently resigned. I passed the latter part of the time in company with Mr Trenor & friend L. Norton whose conversation took quite a historical & military turn.

Cider at the Still SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th., Cloudy - raw wind from S.W. very dark forepart of the eve'g - thund'd & lightened in the N.W. Sent to Norton's still for Henry 14 bbls & 19 gs cider and filled a hogs head for Thomas Wilder Esq'r containing 109 gallons. I went to mill & Cash recd on to C.H. Hill - rec'd of Col Merrill cash in bills \$8.00 - at Swift & & paid Pickett's took up L. Leach's note given March 1st - p. 336 - \$3.00 were endorsed - am't now pd was \$7.23 - Bo't for Montague at S & P's 1 pt Fr Leach note brandy & 1 lb Cf sugar, he sent for it because he was ill - bo't & pd taken up 15" for 1 lb b. sug. on our own acc't. Staid a good while in I.J. Hendryx shop formerly N. Robinson's Law Office - where Elijah Knapp came to try Dr H Swift to settle the affair respecting the coat as mentioned P. 468 They could not quite come an agreement - Dr Heman acted the honorable part of a peacemaker, advising them by all means to settle. After seeing the Dr's new stove, started for home by the aid of an elegant glass lantern which he had the kindness to lend me - bro't from S. & P's store a molasses hhd for Champney. Friend Jon. on my arrival assisted me in unharnessing &c.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th., Cloudy & cool - wind raw from S.W. Wrote a few additional lines in a letter to W.H. Hale, inviting him earnestly to come & join Jonathan in his business - Father & 'Dama attended public service - also Mr Parsons & lady - Mr Perine of pfeacher. Canbridge gave them a strong Sermon on the bad side -

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8th., Cold - high wind, flying clouds from N.W.
Made cider, it being our last pressing - Mr Bliss had enough for a half barrel. Mr Champney rec'd a hogsh'd containing 104 gs which added to what he had already had amounted to 6¼ bbls cider leaving a balance in our favor of 00.75" which he paid in cash, the other 5½ went to pay him for gathering apples, as at p.471

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

Very dark and some rainy this morning - dark, smoky and cloudy all day - wind S.W. We got in 2 hhds of cider in the other house cellar, assisted by our old friend & neighb'r Mr I. Judd who happened here by chance.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

Extremely smoky but not so dark at times as on the preceding day. The sun appeared strangely about 10 A.M. being about the color of bright polished copper - from that time till past 12 it grew more lively, but was all day quite dñm -w wind, fresh S.W. Father had rec'd a bad bruise in the ribs while making cider on Monday which occasioned considerable pain on change of position - sent Henry with 114 gs cider to the still - we also worked on our own and the public road - We had now finished off making cider of which had carried to the StillBbls 91.4
Sold to sundry persons as may be seen in waste book 35.29
Consumed for family use 5.00
Now on hand ... (Nov 13th)1 26.00
Bbl 158. 1

For Dr Swift made33.19
Mr Kent 2.00
E. Water's 8.00
L. Bliss 0.16 Bbls - 202.4

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Had sold to individuals specified on my waste book 98 bbls appl's for \$17.75 - very little of these turned for cash, nor much of the cider - the latter went at the press for \$1.00 - at the still 7 qts b'dy and at Troy for \$2.00 - Those who bo't for that market gave 6/9 having 60 days credit - The former we sold at 25", if we gathered them, but if they rec'd them under the tree, we had 1/0 only. In Troy the market was unusually good for that article, the price being from 25", 33" to \$1.00 pr bhl - the reason for this was supposed to be the great scarcity caused by drought at the E. & S. We laid up for winter about 57 bbls which previous to the 13th we simply stored on the shelves in the new cellar room. Mr Hinman was now busy making up the last of his apples.

Price of
apples &
cider.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

Thursday the 11th dark & smoky - wind damp S. rained a little in the ev'g. We prepared for threshing with horses. Friday the 12th pretty pleas't - strong gusts from N.W. In the night thundered, lightened and rained some. Threshed wheat with colts and horses. Saturday the 13th wind high from BN.W. black, angry clouds - grew cold all day - froze hard at night. Business as above. We accepted an order from Tho's Wilder pr Charles Cushman, by the hand of his man for the delivery of his hhd of cider containing 109 gs & 1 bbl in addition, which was readily answered. Mr Hinman had made 2 cheeses which included Mr Gleason's apples - and had filled 20 bbls for Mr Cross of Sage's City - designed for the Troy Mark't. On Satur. morning Mr Journeyman shoemaker Ferrin began to board here.
This day the 14th pretty cold in the morning.

Wilder
order

Mr
Ferrin

Nov 1819 478 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th Monday the 15th cloudy, not much wind, and that N.W. Worked at winnowing wheat. Tuesday, 16" chilly winds, cloudy. Commenced drawing out manure into the S. meadow on the flat around the walnut tree. Mr Hinman had not yet finished making cider. 'Dama went to Pownal on a visit. Wednesday the 17th warm, strong S. wind - about sunset rained stoutly. Pursued the work mentioned above. Lieut Locke of Choconut Pa arrived - As an old friend he was profoundly welcome. Mrs Bliss & Mrs Waters paid an P.M. visit here. Thursday the 18th quite mild, cloudy, wind N.W. Made cider for Mr Parsons - his heap of apples consisted of 55 baskets, we gleaned and took from the house enough to make it up to 60, consequently drew a share of the cider. Two pedlars tarried here this night - went away late next morning. Mr David Henry with waggon and cart carried off 12 bbls Cider for Cross. Friday the 19th cloudy, chilly and gloomy. Parsons' cider was attended to, manure was drawn out &c. Mr Locke took his departure. Most of this and the succeeding day illness confined me to the house. Saturday mild, wind S.W. The business begun on the 16th was finished, Parsons' cider was conveyed to him - It consisted of between 7 & 8 bbls.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th Sunday the 21st., Pleasant, wind N. Recovered considerably from sickness. Montague & Rogers went to meeting. Monday, the 22d Black & Chilly, wind S.W. commenced getting out chip-manure. Father rode to town to see about selling beef - The Woods the Wood's, Barnabas & Ira came to buy - he returned & bargained with bargain them - at \$4.50 cash pr hund. Champney had the fanning mill. We employed the eve'g paring apples. Tuesday, Nov. 23rd cold rainy morning - storm nearly all day, wind S.W. Finished threshing winter wheat. Ira Wood Notes to closed the bargain for the beef cow. Wednesday 24th Fair and handsome - Pickett cold evening. We visited town at night. - Two notes were given at Swift & Pickett's, together amount'g to \$62.77 $\frac{3}{4}$

Nov 1819 479 Received cash of the following persons - For 2 bbls wheat of wid. Jeruth Robinson \$2.15 $\frac{1}{2}$ - for 2 do in advance of H H Fassett \$2.16 - For 1 do in advance of Bisby \$1.18 - of Col Merrill in full for butter, cheese & cider \$15.30 - and for 14 lbs butter of Capt D. Robinson \$2.00 leaving 2/0 due. Shovel'd manure during this fine day. Thursday the 25th weather good. Same business continued. Mr Eldred & lady were here on a visit. Visited town along with Mr Hinman who sold 14 bbls oats at Patchins' at 27 cts - took coarse salt at 8/0 for pay - I delivered wheat according to contract above to Fassett & Bisby - Put into Alv Rices' hands \$24.00 to settle a demand of 23 dls & 61 cts ar R.P. Hart & Co's Troy. Rice & others were going there to bring goods for Henry & J.T. Robinson. Saw uncle S. Robinson & talked with him. Friday the 26th cldy & chilly Mn'g mild & fair P.M. - Completed drawing out 48 loads chip and 45 do barn manure, the former put principally on gravelly plow land this side the y'ng orc'd. Near night assisted by Jonathan gathered 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbls butter-nuts. Ab & K. Godfrey and Mts Waters visited us our ladies this P.M. Godfrey girls Pork. Saturday the 27th tolerably fair, mild, cloudy, wind N. Assisted by uncle S. Robinson we butchered a hog that weighed 300 lbs - fed on corn & milk Letter from R.B. Stone since the 1st of Sept. We rec'd a letter from our friends in Branford which was dated November 15th - rec'd my first about the last Oct. Wrote that they were well - that W. Hale had engaged to go to Charlestown S. Carolina - Smedley had not yet visited them.

Nov. 28 ~~THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd~~ Sunday, Nov. 28th some sun-shine, with flying clouds, tolerably cold, w'd N.W. - Read Clark in Palestine - wrote Journal. Monday, the 29th A.M. worked at the barn - P.M. had business in town - deliv'd to Jos Davis 102 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs cheese, to

Cheese to Saxton Pickett 51..10 oz do which am'd to \$3.61" which he endorsed on one Davis' of the notes given on the 23rd.

Nov 1819 Settled with H.H.Fassett respecting cider and apples - felt dissatisfied.
480 For cider charged \$1.25" but for some waste in sediment when he boiled 2 bbls he deducted 0/6 from each, having had 4 late made - this was in part well enough - but with regard to the apples he was too tough - 4 bbls Settle with Fas- sweet ap's for sauce, gathered & delivered at his door, for which he would sett in allow 1/0 only - 0/6 lower than we had never in 20 years sold them, under full. similar circumstances - Winter & sauce fruit if we gathered it, I believe always went at 25" or more - and this very year no one grumbled at giving a shilling & picked for themselves - However F. to make his position good cited old Austin Harmon as incontrovertible authority for prices. This docking did not much suit me in these squally times - it grew out of some little cash transactions which I had with him I suspect. Before I went to Connecticut one day, not long previous to that event, I requested him to let me have \$5.00 which he readily handed to me, supposing it to be in advance for produce which he calculated to purchase as usual in the fall, but in reality there was only \$3.75" in advance for he had already had the value of 2.25 in cheese & cider, but at that time I agreed to make up in the measure of apples some thing for the use of the money - and so I did, but it did not satisfy him - I had it only 3 or 4 weeks & he was going to fling off L bbls for it had I not informed him that it was not all in advance. So much then for this great business. We had his order on Wallace's store for the full amount which was \$5.33" Of this we took up & had taken up, the value of about \$3.00; bo't at J.J Hendry's s buttons for H. Debar paid cash 28" Tuesday, the 30th Chilly & Beef xcloudy - wd S.W. A.M. took up the cider mill. P.M. Ira & Anson Wood came sold on with cousin

Nov 1819 cousin Judah Harwood as head butsher, to kill and receive half of a beef
4/81 cow, their brother Barnab's having failed them as a partn'r, we traded with them in that way & went to work and assisted about hanging up the creature, which was elegantly dressed by our cousin. The cow was a good one in the dairy, 13 years old, named "Old Line" to distinguish her from a Cash recd young cow of the same name & mark - weighed 645 lbs includin'g 65 of tail of Wood low & 73 of hide. The Woods' paid in full for their half \$14.50" - this Cash paid money and some more next day was deposited with cousin U.M. Robinson to out. pay to his brother towards goods bo't of him the present year, what was Settle'mt so advanced amounted to \$16.00. Settled accounts with Darius Clark, again with Clarkst whom our charges were about \$20.00 blanced by a note of \$13.50.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 'R 1st Chilly and a little snowy towards night, wd S.W. Fath- we with a number of old neighbors attended as a witness in the settleme't of the estate of the late Sam Brown, but nothing was done. Paid the money above mentioned & came home. Henry and I banked or finished banking the house, and a piece of our lane road was repaired S of the stone bridge. He left me towards night and went ~~towards~~ with Rogers & G. Hinman's - Thanks- hunting. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd Thanksgiving all over N. England; wintry, giving. cloudy & gloomy, snow slightly flying, w'd west in the Morning, P.M. N.W. Posted books for Rogers. H. Waters & B. Loomis were here a part of the day Sally and I sat down to our table to sup with no other company than a crying child, dog & cats, - Henry came home after we had ended the eve'g. Mrs Street & Montague were present in the other room. At night the girls

Nov 1819 and Sally visited at E. Waters'. We sold to that gentleman all our part
482 of the cow above mentioned at \$4.50 pr hund except the hide which he did
Beef to not want. On the 30th our ladies received the company of Mrs C. Barney
Waters Mrs L. Squires with her little boy Norman, Mrs L. Hill's with little
Company George and the lady of Mr Buel Norton

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th., Friday - tolerably pleasant - there were
signs of a storm. We undertook nothing of
note in business - I was some unwell - Henry in the morning went to Leach
hes' woolen mill but returned without cloth - the remainder of the day
was his own. In the eve'g a party was had here - Montague, Rogers & Wat-
Company ters', E. Waters & wife & Delia Clark chiefly composed it - I performed
quite rawly on the violin for them to dance. This day the wind blew vio-
lently from N.W. Cold & freezy. Something was done towards repairing
Watch-key shelters about the barn-yard. Johnathan made an unsuccessful attempt to
lost. find a watch-key which he unluckily lost on Friday in the road as he
tho't. At this time Mrs Street & Melissa were here. I was ill at night

Letter to TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th Sunday the 5th pleas't but cold specially in
Smedley the m'g. Wrote a letter to Gid Smedley consist-
ing of little else than compliments & the state of the health of our-
never selves & Parsons' folks - Monday the 6th - Became moderate again - wind
sent. S.W. cloudy. Our chief employment was building a kind of temporary wag-
gon house. Our friend Hollis Ferrin rev'd 10 bbls of winter apples of
Hollis Montague - His brother Simpson accompanied him on his way to Cambridge
Ferrin N.Y. to see his wife.
This day the 7th warm & pleasant.

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DEC 1819 Father attended at Court as Juror - I choared it most of the day. Par-
483 sons covered his vats. Ferrin arrived here at night. On the 6th Mon-
Montague tague & Rogers entered into partnership in the shoemaking business,
& Rogers warm from the kiln. Henry DeBar this day began going to school in the
S. school house to Mr Blackington.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th Wednesday the 8th was mild & cloudy, worked with
Work for Henry, having cart & oxen, awhile in the A.M. as-
Parsons sisteng Parsons at banking his house. P.M. we in part finished regulatig
Haystack ting the hovel W. side the barn-yard - cut a hay-stack &c. Thursday the
cut. 9th cloudy and stormy in a degree, especially towards night when grew
cold fast and snowed to soje lit. am't. Finished the hovel and attended
to other trifling, tho' not useless pursuits at the barn. Friday the 10th
H. de Bar cold all day - wind high N.W. Cleared the barn floor and threshed some
settled rye. Evening read Bigland on Russia. Next day the 11th continued very
with cold and dry - wind N.W. Drove business dryly at the barn. H. deBar ,
whose new suit had been compleated on the 10th by Melissa, this morning
rode off to visit his step-father at Hoosick Falls. We had made a set-
tlement with him - allowing him for 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ months work \$31.50" - had paid
him in articles of clothing chiefly to the am't of rather more than \$22.
Father had been steadily employed all the week at Court.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th Sunday the 12th held on very cold and dry, wd
N.W. Read Bigland on Russian History -
H. Waters went from here this m'g.

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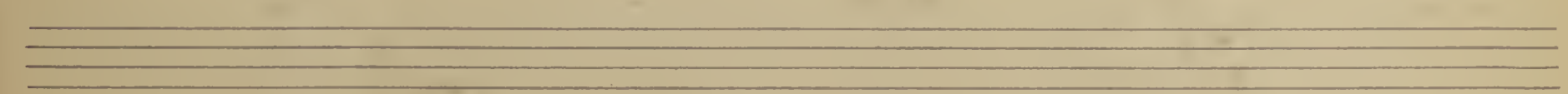
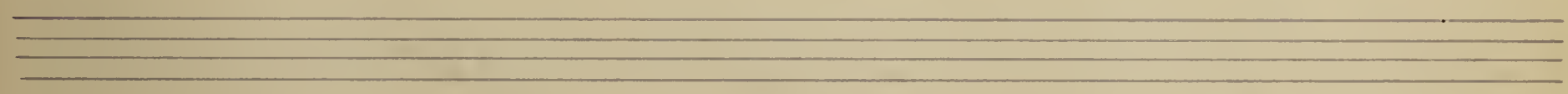
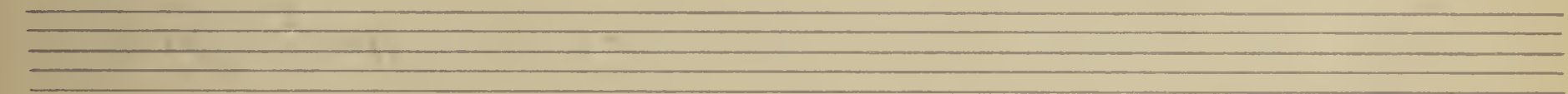
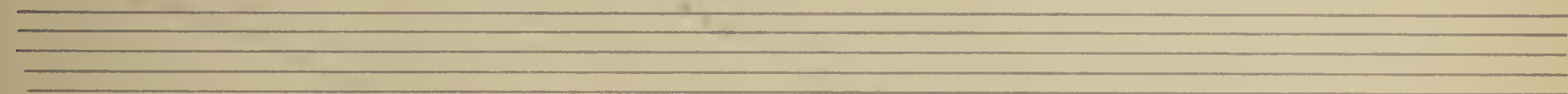
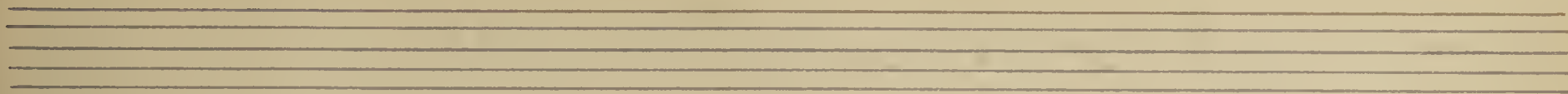
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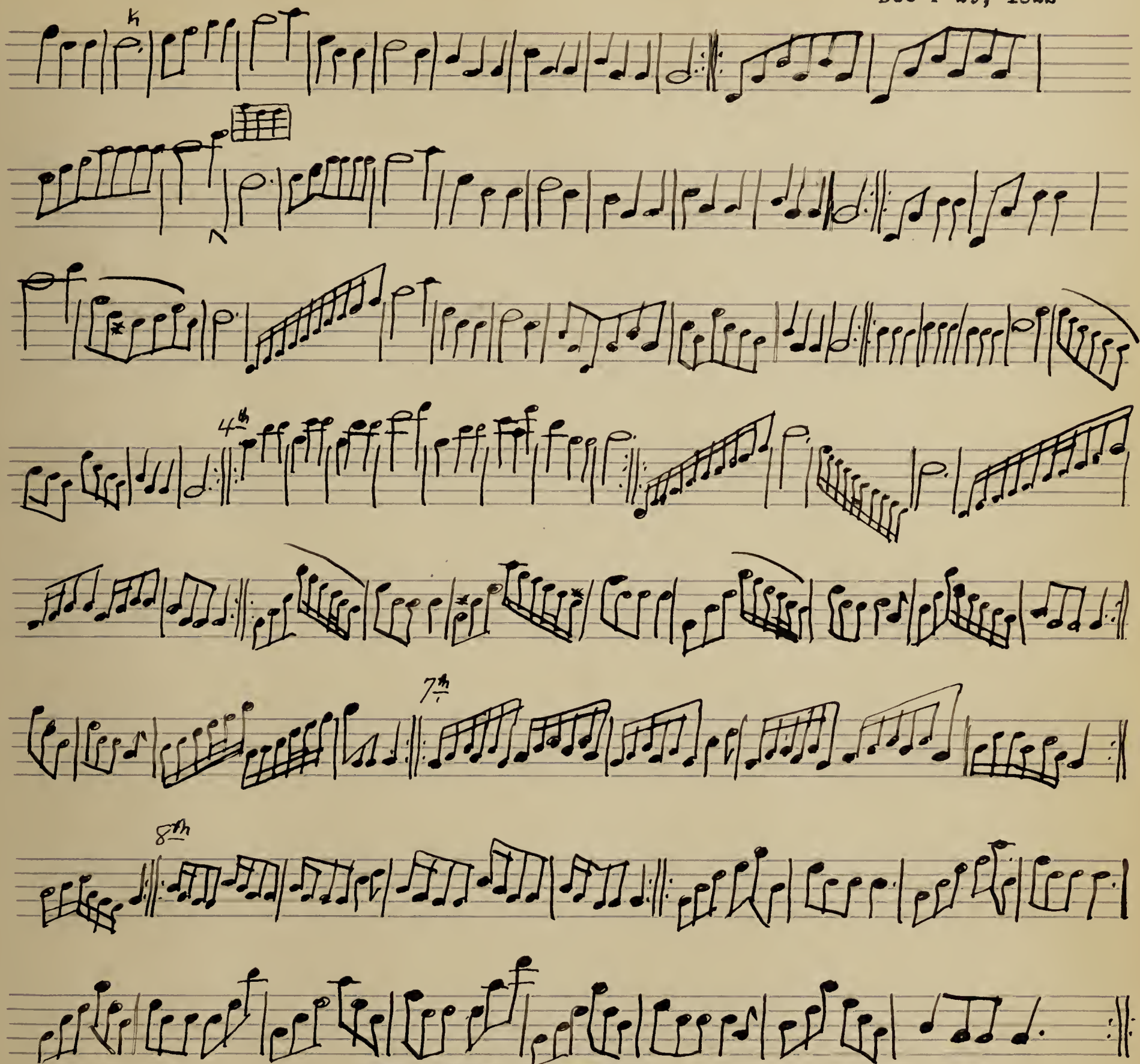
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- Dec 1819 Monday, Dec. 13 The cold began to moderate but was still sharp morbing and
484 eve'g. I was in town most of the day - Spent a little time in the court
chamber - the cause before the Court and Jury was between Mrs Potter ,
Mrs Potter late 2d wife of Major P. and his 2 eldest sons, Wm & Russell, being an
court action of assault and battery alleged by her against them. I shall say
cause. but little respecting it - the jury were out all night upon it and fi-
nally bro't in that Mrs P. should receive a compensation of \$400.00
Upon the whole I think they decided wisely, boys must not whip their
Lydia & mothers-in-law, if they do not support the best of characters.
Melissa. Melissa & Lydia this eve'g went to Mr Sim. Thayer's to do a job at
Cash by tayloring. I received in full for butter of Mr Hyde \$2.00 in money which
Hyde. I immediately paid over to L. Patchin towards goods bo't sometime since.
Conference On Wednesday eve'g the 8th inst went to a religious conference at
our school house. Mr Peters gave a good exhortation from the words of
our Saviour to Martha - "There is one thing needful" &c. Walked a part
of the way home home accompanied by our old friend C. Barney with whom
some conversation took place in allusion to former days.
- Snow This day, the 14th., seems snowed some in the fore part of the day, clu
cloudy, grew more mild. Went to mill at Safford's - warmed myself by
L. Morgan uncle Sam's stove - saw there great Lyd Morgan and her mother who was
spinning wool with her spectacles on - Visited the factory by the mill
Family in and there saw 2 joiners at work - a stove provided with conveniences
little for cooking stood in the center of the room - a young woman with a
factory. little boy and girl were warmed by this - furniture for house keeping &
&c occupied a due share of the apartment. When my grist was finished
came up to Wallace's store and took up goods which with 1 lb tea
- Dec 1819 that father had rec'd to the am't of the due-bill given me Nov 29th - I
485 now had 7 lbs 10 oz brown sugar - and silk & twist to the am't of 25".
In the evening, or when I came from town, had the hon. of bringing in my
waggon from Mr Church's to Parson's hill 2 ministers sons, viz Mr
Cummings Loan Dewey, whose father was the first minister in this town - and Mr
& Cummings the school-master who informed me that his father was 87 yrs
Dewey. old, in good health, preached to his people more than 60 years - he
preached now he believed occasionally - had a colleague associated with
him in the ministry.
They were very lively in conversation, Mr D. in particular who en-
deavored to offer up to me the sweet incense of flattery in his pecul-
iar glittering style, but tho' I seemed to take it all in good part the
bait did not take. Mr C's father preached in B. not far from Boston
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th Cloudy, not very cold, snow thin. Spent the P.M.
Clark in town - got Hinman's hay knife mended, Henry
vs had brok'n it. The jury returned a verdict in favor F. Clark, plaintiff,
Davis. vs Davis, defendant, that the latter should pay the former the sum of \$14
& costs for slandering him &c. I do not coincide with this decision,
Letter fr more I have not time to say. I copied some accounts to present for set-
N. Palmer tlem't, but never settled with any one. Rec'd a letter from cousin Pal-
mer of Hopkinton dated Dec 3d - they were all in usual health - mention-
ed receiving a letter from uncle Jonas of a latish date in which he sta-
ted his having xome near being married, but by some means the matter was
broken up. Briefly informed respecting the death of B.W. Hopkins at
Havanna Aug 13 1819 - the ravages of the yellow fever at Mobile point -
uncle H's being gone there to superintend or to see to business there &c
- that they wished to answer (Carried over to p.488)

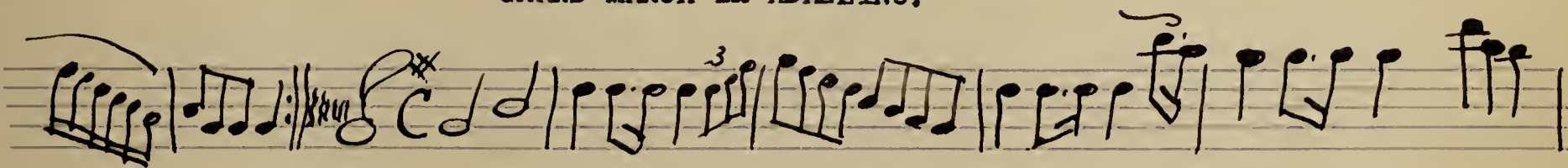


A handwritten musical score for the piece "CHILLING O'GUIRY, with variations." The score is written on ten staves, each beginning with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The notation is in a cursive, handwritten style. The first staff includes a "3" above the first measure and a "h" above a later measure. The second staff has a "3" above a measure. The third staff has a "h" above a measure. The fourth staff has a "3" above a measure. The fifth staff has a "3" above a measure. The sixth staff has a "6th" above a measure. The seventh staff has a "3" above a measure. The eighth staff has a "10th" above a measure. The ninth staff has a "3" above a measure. The tenth staff has a "3" above a measure. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals, and is organized into measures by vertical bar lines.

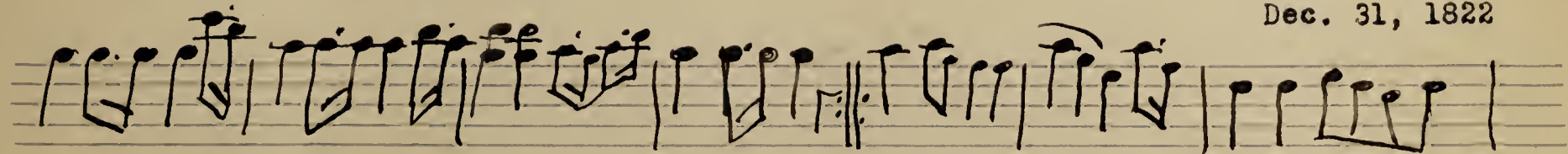
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GRAND MARCH in ABAELINO.



Dec. 31, 1822



From H.A.F.

Dec 1819 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th Thursday, the 16th - Wind whicked from N.W.
488 tolerably cld; Settled accounts with capt

Norton and sons whose accounts from March 24th., 1808 to the 10th of
Capt Nor- this month am'td to \$30.57" for ware principally, to balance which I
ton & Sons rendered an acc't of \$12.64 and then adding their credit \$5.50 it
settl'mt am'td to \$18.18"; balanced by turning in cider at \$1.00 pr bbl which
with. made a fair & very peaceable settlem't. Respecting the cider deliv'd
at the still our papers corresponded almost exactly - gave us credit
91 bbls 4 gs and after subtracting the quantity above and what brandy
we had rec'd we found due us 132 gs 3 qts 1 pt app. brandy. Capt N.
was tending the still, but came up to the house to hunt up some old
acc'ts during the settle't - Luman appeared to be busy in looking over
papers - said he had spent a number of evenings posting books lately -
Mr G. Buel was chopping wood at the still - John was not present. Mr Godfrey
Godfrey came there to get a load of ware to carry to Lenox Furnace to exchange
for stoves &c. Dec'r 16 & 17 took up ware at capt. N's on Rogers ac-
't to the value of 10/o. Came home with E. Waters - father had been
Shoats dismissed with his brother jurors from attendance at court - sold to
sold to W. 235 lbs live pork at \$0..4" - am'tg to \$9.40" Went to Mill at Saf-
Waters ford's for W. which ended the work of this day - Bad or almost no
sleighbing. Friday the 17th Some cloudy, but good weather in the main.
Went to capt. Norton's in the morning to borrow salt, which they said
we might have. P.M. visited town - went to Davis to get horse-shoeing
done, but it was so that he could do it - had the same done Col Nor-
ton's

Dec 1819 At Swifts & Picketts deliv'd to uncle S. Robinson \$7.00 in bills & 37½"
489 in specie to purchase salt in Troy & to pay \$2.61" to R.P. Hart & Co -
talked of going to Troy next day. Settled accounts with Wm Haswell
Acct set- against whom my bill was \$16.24" - his in postage & books up to Jan'y
tled with 1st 1818 am'td to \$11.40" and in postage from that date to the present
W. Haswell to \$4.25" - leaving in my favor 59" which he paid me in hand. Rec'd
Barg'n of Pickett a 10½ g keg to fill with cider brandy at 50" pr gall - to
with Pick-be endorsed on note - bo't of him cotton wick 1 lb 5 oz for which paid
ett about cash \$00.81". Borrowed of Mrs Waters 21 lbs tallow - this cot. wk &
cider keg I bro't slung over my shoulders. Saturday, Fair, tolerably warm.
brandy. Went to the still P.M. - capt N. tended - Uncle Sam Gibson was there
talking busily of Mrs Blazedell's being swindled of all her property;
and of a wild cat lately taken in Pownal, &c. Waited at the Atw'd
barn for Luman to assist Mr Gaines in measuring and dividing about 50
bhls rye before he could attend to measuring brandy for me. Meantime
Mr House & fr'd Gid. came there - lent Mr G. their wagg'n & horses to
go to town with rye. Returned with L. to the still where he measured
Brandy to me 41½ gallons cid. brandy, reduced - 1 g. water to 4 brandy. In the
rec'd evening delivered to Pickett the keg according to contract on Friday -
visited the printing office - made a present of a handbasket of fruit
& rec'd a phiol of red-ink and left a book to be repaired in the bind-
do ing - went to W. Haswell's - saw his curious imp'd Franklin Cooking
W, Haswell stove which I liked well except where the wood is put in, which I tho't
Stove had a bad delivery - but waiving this objection it must be acknowledged
Cash rec'd to be very noble. Saw D. Clark at Fassett's and rec'd of him in bills
of D Clark \$7.00 tow'd butter & cheese. Paid I. J. Hendryx \$1.80" - debt contracted
Brandy p. 435. Returned to Pickett's to have \$5.25 indorsed on note as agreed
under upon - he, previous to doing it, called me into the back room and inform
proof. ed me that he had drawn and sold 1 pt of said brandy and found it be-
low proof, asked me from whence it came, told him as stated above - after
which he fixed the note and I came home.

Dec 1819 MONDAY, DEC'R 20th Sunday, 19th - S.E. wind roared on the green
490 M't - the storm was heavy there we presume, but
light here. Attended to usual concerns - father went to church. At
E.storm night informed at capt N's respecting the brandy, they said the business
Brandy should be immediately rectified. This day it was moderate & cloudy.
proof We exchanged stray sheep with capt Norton's people - threshed some oats
settled Friend Luman informed us that he had been to see P. respecting the bran-
dy and after mixing it properly left him well satisfied with it besides
being a little mortified at the trouble he had given our friend.

Horace Neighbor H. Dimmick returning from butchering at his father's paid
Dimmick us a short visit, appearing in usual high spirits, boasting that he
could once more walk without fear on a week day, on Vermont ground.

SATURDAY, DEC'r 25th., Tuesday, 21st., fine day - a sleigh would slip
roughly, but a waggon would go best. Prepara-
New tion was in train for butchering. Cousin Stephen bro't home the long
churn. talked of square revolving churn for which he charged \$3.00 - With him
visited town. Rec'd a Vt Register of D. Clark which I had pd for in but-
ter - Went to W. Haswell's, looked at his new stove, at H's barn saw A.J.
Haswell & John Down s mending the floor. Sent word by Baker Robinson
to uncle S.R. to come next day & assist at butchering. Ev'g at home
Register read the Register. Wednesday, 22d. Fine, clear, warm day. We butchered
1819 3 swine, assisted by uncle Sam & Montague - the pork was handsomely cut
up by the former. Lydia was sent for from Mr Harvey's to assist. The
Pork weight of pork was thus $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs 380, 348, 300, the total lbs 1028 to which
add lbs 300 killed Nov 26th and its am't is lbs 1328. Evening read new
spaper published 1812-13 respecting Russian Campaign.

Dec 1819 Thursday, 23d, Cloudy and thawy. Gathered up all the refuse stuff in
491 the yard W. of the house - got home stone b't from Hinmans' and laid
her up for winter. Hinman informed us that he made at our mill last
Hinman season 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbls cider. Friday, 24th snowed some, grew cold. Threshed
Acc't at oats with father - 25th very sharp clear weather. Visited Dr Swifts'
Dr Swifts A.M. - conversed some time - saw an acc't against us in one of his ledg-
ers amounting to more than 60 dollars - rec'd $\frac{1}{2}$ bhl packing salt due us
lent, took the fanning mill which Champney had just been using, came home
and assisted at fanning some less than 30 bbls oats. There was no
Henry school, Henry consequently worked with us. Mr J.B. Blackinton, our precep-
Debyer tor came from Parsons' to board with us. MrvB read the Siege of Carling-
J.B. Black- tonlais, after which I perused several lively stories in Scott's Lessons
ington Calvin, the supposed murdered person, for whose sake the Boones had been
tried and condemned, passed through town on his way to Manchester on the
22d inst.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 30th., Sunday, 26th Pretty cold, cloudy, wind S.W. Me-
lissa arrived from Mr Harvey's where she had
M. Street been tayloring. Monday 27th it continued sound winter weather. We thre-
S Robinson threshed oats. Cousin Sam Robinson came here & sold to L. & Damia each
Jun'r a red shawl at \$4.50" a piece, payable in feathers at 4/0 pr lb. Settled
the old score - finding the full am't of goods bo't to be \$25.20", to-
wards which there had been paid \$16.00 - leaving due according to this
settlement \$9.20" - Tuesday 28th Cold. Erastus erected a brick stove
Brick- in the shop at the house opposite, putting the kettle stove on the top,
stove giving a chance to throw in long wood, and gaining increased heat, with a
like or less quantity of wood than had been used heretofore. Wednesday
Mrs Street 29th Sharp weath'r, fly'g clouds. Threshing oats cont'd. Father went to
& Mrs J. see about getting a sleigh made on Montague's acc't. Mrs Dewey & Mrs
Dewey. Street visited here. Very cold night.

Jan 1820 About 12 at night we were greatly surprised at the arrival of our re-
 492 spected aunt Theodosia from Attica, N.Y. - left family in health with
 her sister Fanny about 3 weeks since. Dec 30th Pinching cold in the
 Mrs morning - altered but little all day - Snowed P.M. & night. Thrashing
 Theodosia oats finished. In town bo't 1 lb tea at Wallace's on Montague's acc't.
 Harwood's At D. Robinson's office saw Judge Fay D.R. & U.M.R. - of the latter bor-
 arrival. rowed a late Washington paper. Mr Ed Savage this morning came up and
 U.M. finally took home with him Mrs Street, Melissa & Lydia, the two last to
 Robinson work at tayloring. Mrs Savage had, on the preceding ev'g, become the
 Ed Savage parent of a daughter.

Mrs Street FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st., During the night of the 30th a most severe driv-
 ing sry snow came from N.E. - it ceased this
 morning, but was succeeded or rather there was a continuation of severe
 Party at cold that held on all this day. We discontinued business without doors.
 Godfreys Montague, Rogers, Blackinton, Dama & Sally formed with others a party at Mr
 Godsey's in Algiers - returned at eleven in the ev'g with H. Waters.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 1st., 1820 Very cold morning - a fair sun warmed the air
 during its presence, but the succeeding evening
 Farrand was intense. We winnowed and bro't in about 58 bbls oats. H.W. Farrand
 went to see his mother at Jackson, N.Y. Melissa & Lydia were waited up-
 S. Robinson home from Savage's by Mr S. himself who calculated on going soon to
 Jun'r Boston. Cousin Sam's feathers were carried to uncle S's according to
 contract to pay for shawls. Mr Blackinton quitted boarding here this
 Wood, hay morning. About the beginning of Nov. we had three double piles of wood,
 & stock we now had but little more than two, one of which was sound & hard, the
 whole being between 11 & 12 cords.

Jan 1820 Estimated our hay at 36 tons, presumed that our consumption must at this
 493 time be two tons pr week, had plenty of straw, some of which was very
 good. We possessed at this date the following creatures - 1 Yoke of ox-
 en, 14 cows, and heifers, 5 yearlings, 6 calves, 2 old mares, 1 young do,
 2 colts & 36 sheep, besides the above we were stabling 2 of the horse
 kind for Montague & Rogers. Our W. mow we called 12 feet high, allowing
 it had been pressed, the E. mow was estimated at 10 feet, well settled/
 There was the half of a good hay-stack, besides another of rowen.
 Creatures all smart.

Sunday 2d - cold, wind S. hazy. Monday, 3rd cold but pleas't.
 S. Robin- Thrashed rye. Cousin S. Robinson called & sold a few goods to Lydia &
 son Jun Melissa. Tuesday, 4th became mild & pleasant. Continued threshing rye.
 Wednesday, 5th Sound, the'h not very cold weather. Threshing continued.
 S. Robin- Thursday, 6th Pretty cold & tolerably pleasant. Uncle S. Robinson and his
 son & friend Ira Haynes came up & in good style butchered a middling sized
 I. Haynes yellow cow, well fattened & yielding a goodly quantity of tallow, aged 13.
 The quarters weighed collectively 570 - rough tal. 85 - hide 76 - in all
 Beef 731. Settled acc'ts with Mr Bliss which was about the sum of \$7.00 -
 found a mistake, which if rectified would render Mr B. \$7.25 - all paid ex
 Settle'mt cept 25" Friday, 7th Mild, a little like storm, but it came faintly. Pur-
 Champney sued the work above mentioned. Settled acc'ts with Mrs Champney whose
 charge for weaving amounted to \$19.38 - we had in various wages paid her
 to the am't of \$15.48 We ballanced the accounts by selling her a fore-
 quarter of beef which came to \$6.48 - weigh'g 144 lbs - leaving due us
 \$2.58 to be paid in weaving next season.

Nath. Robinson waited upon aunt Theodosia to his fathers.

Jan 1820 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 8th Cloudy & thawy. Friday night there came a light
494 driming snow from S.W. We finished threshing
H.Debar rye. Henry drew a small load of wood to the school-house - no school this
Capt Fry day. Capt Fry came to see about getting some work done at the shop, told
us that he fought at Mud Island and at Germantown in the Rev. War.
Death of Died on Thursday night Capt Sam'l Robinson - aged 50. His death
S.Robin- without doubt was occasioned by intemperance - See V.4 p.55. Also on
son & Mrs Friday ev'g of the palsy, Mrs Msry Dewey, widow of the late capt Elijah Dew
Dewey. ey (p.278). She was a lady of a most amiable and benevolent disposition.
In her the poor, the needy & the infirm, found a most tender & ready assist
ant. Her age was 62. Sunday - 9th - Cloudy, foggy on the mountains &
cold. Heard two sermons from Mr Peters, that of the P.M. being upon the
cases above cited - their remains were this day interred. At noon I sent
to the printing office and borrowed two papers. In the ev'g read gov.
Clinton's excellent speech to the Legislature of N.Y. On Saturday eve'g
John Cobin Mr John Cobin arrived here from his residence in Fairfield, Vt - tarried
all night - we were greatly pleased with his company, as he was one of our
old neighbors - bro't up at Mr Meseley's - with whom he left this town
and removed with his family to Charlotte in 1803 - never had visited this
place but once since - thought the street near the meeting house had ma-
terially altered - had raised a family of 9 children - 5 boys & 4 girls -
Obed Hunt Obed Hunt, a very intemperate character, a mason by occupation, was lost a
few days and now was found frozen to death in the snow. Monday, 10th -
Rye. Still & cloudy, likely for snow. We winnowed & bro't in 51 bhls rye -
making in all raised this season upwards of 70.

Jan 1820 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 15th., Tuesday, 11th - Stormy all day - snow growing
495 deep - had snowed in the night - thawy in the
morning but cold remainder of the day. I rode to mill - visited the
Paper bo't printing office - then with Mr Ira Haynes went to the paper mill & rec'd
of Haynes of him $\frac{1}{2}$ a ream of common writing paper - agreeing to take another of let
ter paper without trimming - the whole at 4 dollars, to be paid in cider-
Cash paid brandy at pr gall. Uncle S. Robinson came up with aunt Theodosia from
Hart & Co his house and made short tsrry - bro't a receipt from R.P. Hart which made
us even with him & Co. In returning from Mr Haynes bro't his 2d daughter
up to Mr Hathaway's. Bo't a spelling book for Adeline - she had now
Coben nearly learnt her letters - In stating affairs respecting Mr Coben, was
wrong to say that he removed with Mr M. - he went from here the preceding
winter to Enosburgh - from thence came back to Charlotte and lived on Mr
M's farm several years.

Wednesday, the 12th, snow flew, cold wind N.W. Threshed spring wheat
with horses. Erastus & Jonathan had their minds composed. Hiel Parsons
came & engaged a quantity of shoe-making of Erastus & Jonathan.
Cash paid Thursafy, 13th continued cold. The same business again. Mr D. Clark
by Clark had paid to cousin S. Robinson \$6.50" on our account which entitled him to
his note given Nov 30th and amounting accordingly he took it up,

FRIDAY, 14th Steady, winter westher - good sleighing. Finished thresh
ing sp'g wheat. Saturday 15th Tolerably clear & pretty cold - wind N.W.
Dr Porter Father was ill and unable to labor. Dr Porter Sen'r of W'mstown called
here & dined on cold cut - told of doing much at farming. I went to mill
and on to C.H. hill - did an errand at D. Clark's - borrowed a newspaper &
Montague Mrs Waters' letters of U.M. Robinson. Erastus went Salem this morning.

Jan 1820 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 22d I have in the right place omitted noting the
 496 departure of Hollis W. Farrand, which took place on the morning of the 10th inst - went in quest of another seat
 H.W. place on the morning of the 10th inst - went in quest of another seat
 Farrand. - went away in peace - see p.477-82. Sunday - 16th - Pleasant & cold.
 Mrs A & P The two Mrs Waters' came down in the evening and paid us a lively visit
 Waters it - Mrs A.W's had lately arrived from Stockbridge - left all tolerably well - her father had been very ill of the St Anthony's Fire - was slowly recovering. Mr Jacob Bates entered here as boarder, being journeyman shoemaker under J. Rogers - had not acquired the routine of a snob equal to our friend Farrand who knew all the various phrases, puns & shuffles ever used by the fraternity of the lap stone. Monday, 17th a most terrible gale commenced blowing from S.E. in the night and increased in its fury till past 2 P.M. - when at its height no language can describe its horror - it seemed as if it must sweep everything from off the face of the earth except snow, which it brought in abundance & heaped in huge piles near fences, houses, other buildings and in deep hollows. About sunset it had died away & had become tolerably calm. Considerable damage must have ensued to buildings, trees, fences &c. 1 apple tree was badly broken down in the orchard S.E. of the house - the slab shelter W. side of the barn & most of it blew away; the S. barn of the Brown & Hinman estate was materially damaged - the cow house N. of blown over - Capt Norton & Dr Swift had each a like misfortune. We were snug by the fireside, except taking care of our cattle &c at the barn - Father was ill Sunday & this day. Tuesday, 18th Cold, flying clouds - wind N.W. Not much stirring this day. The late storm never had a parallel in this part of the country. Great damage was sustained in this town; roofs, chimneys, wood & cow houses, fences were capcised.

Storm

Jan 1820 Wednesday, 19th - Stormed slightly from S.W. eve's wind changed to N.W.
 497 We winnowed spring-wheat - broke out a road to the main road. Mrs Waters came down from Elisha's - tarried all night. Our shoe-maker Bates cleared out suddenly without taking leave. Jonathan & Henry improved a part of the day in riding in the wood-sleigh, drawn by little grey and young Nancy. Thursday - 20th - Cold & clear, wind N. Chearing constituted our business. Mr A. Strong rode down with Mr Jackson a Rev'd gentleman whom he introduced to our father. His business was to get signers to a paper issued by the American Gospel Society for the collection of a fund for the support of such young persons who might possess talents & inclination, but without means to fit themselves for the ministry &c. For various reasons a repugnance was felt at signing - among others and that a principal one was the embarrassed state of our affairs, many expenses and a very limited income. But all these ideas vanished before the luminous eloquence of the hoary headed Divine. My father, by signing \$1.00, became a member of the Society - the ladies put down their names, engaging to furnish stockings, mittens, shirtees, & other articles in their way. Conveyed 2 bbls cider to Darius Clark. Saw uncle S. Robinson who related the loss of Julia Dunn during the late storm in the N.E. part of the town, was a person of handsome features, middle age, never married, left a family of 4 or 5 children. Mr Levi Smedley on his way home from the N'd - tarried all night. Montague reached home from Salem, N.Y. - Both related the late ravages of the terrible wind experience on Monday - its effects are of a serious character, many thousand dollars would be required to make up the damages.

Cider sold
 D. Clark
 Julia
 Dunn.
 L. Smedley
 Montague

Jan 1820 FRIDAY, 21st Tolerably pleas't - wind S.W. J.Rogers sold to J.B.Black-
 498 inton his grey mare for 75 dollars, rec'd \$4.00 & a gold
 Blackintonwatch at 45 D's and took a note of 26 D's on demand with in't. We drew
 off 3 bbls frozen cider - Carried the ladies to Waters' - visited Court
 Caldron House hill - learned that Miss Dunn could be found - visited Algiers -
 rec'd rec'd a caldron at Mr Godfrey's, bro't from Lenox on J.Rogers acc't -
 Visit at came back to Waters', made an ev'g visit & returned with the ladies -
 Waters Erastus was of the party.
 SATURDAY, 22d Moderately stormy from S.W. A great body of snow now
 Cider covered the earth. We rec'd from the still 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1/8 gal $\frac{1}{2}$
 brandy brandy which made them & us even. I was ill with a rheumatic complaint
 Mrs Ault in my back. Mrs Abbot, alias Mrs Ault, came here and staid all night.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 29th Sunday-23d-Tolerably pleasant snug winter weath
 Rogers & er - wind S. Some of the family went to church.
 Hendryx Rogers & Henry went to Hoosick. Friend Thomas Dimmick paid me a visit.
 H Dimmick Widow Waters tarried here this night preparatory to starting for home
 next morning. MONDAY-24-Very cold in the morning - moderated but little
 all day - A stout squall came up from N.W. about 6 in the ev'g - Wind
 Widow high till 12, extremely cold all that time. Erastus set off for Hadley,
 Waters Ms, carrying Mrs Waters with him to Pittsfield on his way thither.
 Montague Accompanied father to town on foot. Heard Judge Chase deliver the judge
 Hadley ment of the Court in the case of Hulon & others vs Moses Robinson con-
 expedition concerning the Dewey Gore - Rendered in favor of the Defendant. Bargained
 Supreme away 60 gallons cider brandy to S. & Pickett. M.Waters was empowered to
 Court purchase shingles to cover the S. side of the barn roof which agreed to
 Brandy furnish & lay at \$3.00 pr thousand - P.M. went
 E.Waters

Jan 1820 to Hicks and listened to Ball's music a few moments - borrowed a book of
 499 Charles H. and cleared for home. Even'g conveyed the cider brandy to S
 & P's - then leaving the horses under capt Pliny's wood house went to
 Dancing Hicks' ball chamber & witnessed the fine dancing of the young class of
 school Ball's scholars & heard his own exquisite performance on the violin,
 which with his halloing, scolding & stamping formed a ludicrous medley
 that could not but excite the curiosity and admiration of all present -
 I mean the spectators. Returned home with Lydia, Dama, Melissa & Sally
 past 9. TUESDAY, 25th, the squall mentioned above might be placed under
 this date, otherwise it was not so cold this day as on the 24th. Borrow-
 Endorse- ed capt N's gauge, went to S & P's store, and had the business settled
 ment by respecting the brandy of which there was 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons which was disposed
 Pickett of at 50" pr gallon - took up the smallest of those notes given - p.478
 & had \$9.65" endorsed on the other, which added to \$3.00 \$3.18 already
 I.J.Hen- paid am'td to \$12.83" leaving due on interest \$24.31". Paid a visit to
 dryx I.J.Hendryx who played the flute some as well as myself - then went down
 to H's - heard excellent music and saw good dancing performed by the
 Senior class - having staid through two figures, cleared out, with the
 Goods bo't same ladies as on the preceding evening. Bo't at S. & P's about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
 tea at 75" paid for it in butter at 0/9. WEDNESDAY 26th-Rather moderate
 cloudy & likely to storm - wind S. Carried 19mlbs butter to S. & P's ,
 S Harwood Most of which took up in goods. Visited cousin Stephen's and had work
 done in his line - ex-helve made & put in - old pails hooped &c. Called
 Swift & at S & P's rec'd my articles, leaving due from them 84 cents - arrived
 Pickett here about dark. Father attended a meeting or conference at our school
 house.

Jan 1820 THURSDAY-27th-Moderate & cloudy - wind S. With father rode to Algiers
500 to see about ironing a sleigh at Mr J.Norton's - cast
New shoes were bo't of Trenor - father & Mr N. procured them. I visited
sleigh. and chatted sometime with Mrs L.Squire,waiting for the good man to re-
L & B turn from getting a load of wood - he soon appeared - had a colt & 2
Squires tanned sheep-skins for 6 raw ones - next went to Walbridge's store to
T.Wilder do business with Mr Wilder - waited a good while for his school to beo
out - at length he came & I presented an acc't of \$4.40 against him to
I.Judd, compare with his bill of carding,but he could not handily shew it,but
Selden, said mine would balance it. Saw at the store Isaac Judd,Esquire
W.Barney Selden & W.Barney - the last spoke of going away soon to the West. We
Haynes got home about 2 P.M. - Eve'g Melissa & Dama were carried to Sam Scott
bargain Early in the eveninh delivered to Ira Haynes 5 gallons cid. brandy at
80" pr gall in payment for 1 ream writing paper at \$4.00

FRIDAY- 28th- Stormed from S.W. sharply in the morning, cloudy &
a little thawy all day. Thrashed corn and late P.M. conveyed to Mr
T.TRENOR Tho's Trenor 7 bhls rye and took up a due bill given for the sleigh
shoes mentioned above. He appeared highly pleased with our punctual-
ity - they were busy with a good looking fanning mill made in Pitts-
town, N.Y. This day - 29th - Finished threshing and assisted in bring
Corn ing in 45 bhls corn. Dama & Melissa arrived from S. Scott's -
Melissa & ing in 45 bhls corn. Dama & Melissa arrived from S. Scott's -
Dama Snowed moderately all day - rather thawy - wind N.E. Bhls
Wheat & Winter Wheat - 181941.00
other grains Spring Wheat grown in 181926.00
1819 Ryebhl 72.02 Corn 100 Rye & Corn ...172. 2
Oats1819 96.
335. 2

JAN 1820 SUNDAY, JAN'Y 30th., Snowed some in the morning - rather thawy -
501 flying clouds. Finished writing my alphabet.
Received company this evening. Messrs Sol Clark & Doolittle - treated
S.Clark with cider and apples. J.Rogers visited Algiers. The evening was very
& Doolit- fine - the moon giving a bright light. Intention of marriage was publi
tle. lished between Mr Alvin Rice & Miss T.Haynes,sister of Maj'r Ira Haynes
Publishment

of A.Rice MONDAY, JAN'Y 31st The wind blew hard from N.W. grew cold all day
Wood. We entered upon cutting wood W. of the barn on
& about the rocks - found the snow very deep in the meadow & adjoining
Snow. field,much deeper than we had expected it,tho' in all reason we presum-
ed in the woods it must be extremely so,but supposed in the cleared
lands the wind had blown it off - however in this we found ourselves
Visit at widely mistaken - a great quantity of snow now covered all the land.
Parsons' All our ladies except Mother paid a visit to Mrs Parsons, and were
highly entertained.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 5th., FEB'Y1st: Intensely cold,wind high N.W. We fed
our beasts at the barn,kept good fires & peru-
sed some portions of history. WEDNESDAY,2d:A very cold morning;remain-
der of the day extremely chilly - wind S. P.M. cloudy & snowed some.
Settlem't Visited town - father accompanied me to Waters' shop. Did a number of
with errands - Settled with Mr Joseph Davis,blacksmith. Our account in chees
Davis. \$7.18 - his in blacksmithing \$4.59 - balanced by due bill \$2.59 payable
Goods bot in his work - talked of going away in March - towards the end of the
at Pick- month. At S.& Pickett's took up articles to within 12 cents of what was
etts due on the 26th ult. Saw V.D.Spigle there who extolled the use of plas
S.H.Black-ter on our lands. Visited Mr L.Dewey's on an errand - then went to see
mer friend S.H.Blackmer - talked with him a few moments - went to H.Hall's

Feb 1820 and borrowed Priestley's Lectures on History & The Olive Branch. At E.
502 Waters' supped & settled accounts. Our account, exclusive of beef &
shoats \$22.27 to be endorsed on Mr Marshes tax bills, amounted to \$28.18
Hall's his to \$22.65 - balanced by due-bill payable in work on demand - \$5.53 -
books. Respecting our accounts on the 15th Jan'y 1819 - he stated his at \$40.00
Set'mt which made us in debt to him 26 cents, which I endorsed on his duebill.
with Eve'g read Priestly. THURSDAY, 3rd - Some rainy, quite thawy, wind S. at
Waters. night cold & freezing. Attended to choars - bed stirring, roads badly
Thaw. blocked up. FRIDAY, 4th: Very freezing & sharp weather all day - wind NW
Gallanted Theodosia to Mr Hand's - discoursed awhile with Mrs H. then
J. Norton went to uncle J. Norton's to see if the sleigh were finished - it was but
partly so - heard uncle J. tell a long story respecting his difficulties
M. Norton in the Law - being now confined to the limits of J. Yard for a debt due
settled the Estate of C. Wright Esq. Rode to M. Norton 2nd's and when he arrived
with. from town settled accounts with him - Our bill of cheese \$8.00 - his of
blacksmith's \$7.85 - difference 15" - had cutter mended which left us
indebted to him 10". Sol Lawrence & Alpheus Taft came there to get a
large sheet iron pipe belonging to the steam still ribbed with hoops on
Halls' the inside - came home by way of the court house hill - left paper and
books H.A. Fay's War Documents to be bound - borrowed Goldsmith's Greece & Rome
Shakesp's Sales at Mr Hall's - got home before dark - SATURDAY, 5th; Cold,
Sun-dogs m'g - Sharp air all day - wind S. at night, mackerel sky, hazy - two sun
dogs were seen before sunset. Some chopping was done - Father & Mother
Settle't rode out together - they returned, then Sally & Melissa having Henry for
with S. coachman went to Thayer's & to H. & I.T. Robinson's store - bo't goods to
Harwood. the am't of \$1.36 - paid in butter - S. Harwood & lady paid us a short
visit - made a settle't in part - Our account beginning May 4th 1814 &
ending July 1819 - am'tg to \$18.11"

Feb 1820 His acc't reached no farther back than 1817, am'tg to \$13.46" had omitted
503 bringing another book of an older date which he presumed would make up
the deficiency in his accounts. His present book we balanced - I credited
to him his account in our book which was left unsettled - letting it
stand thus till he should bring forward his other book. The new churn
was not included in the settl't - being a bargain by itself - towards
which we had paid him 10 lbs butter and at this date 15 lbs cheese - the
former at 0/9 the latter at 0/6. Friend Hiram Waters came down and as-
Cider sisted in racking off a cider bbl of cider for Dexter which was immedi-
sold to ately delivered to him and the cash received for it - the lowest price,
Dexter. under similar circumstances, that we had ever sold at, viz \$1.25. Father
Minister having inquired into his minister tax, felt extremely dissatisfied with it
Tax. it as made up for 1818 - amount'g to about \$

Peters SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th SUNDAY - 6th - Some cloudy, quite thawy, wind S. Mr
Peters was said to preach a very philosophical
discourse concerning Soul & Body. I employed myself as usual - writing
journal & reading Dr Pringle on history. MONDAY - 7th - Snowed nearly all
day - damp & still, loaded the trees. We drew 2 loads of wood from the
rocks & then retired to our books on account of the storm, which tho' it
was very mild, yet would wet almost as fast as rain. The first going out
was extremely bad for the oxen, the snow in many places being deep & thick
crusted on the surface but no where strong enough to bear them and rarely
would sustain the weight of a man. TUESDAY - 8th - Pleasant & warm. Two
loads of wood were drawn. Father & Mother rode out together - various
J Rewey errands were attended to - at E. Waters' they found cousin John Rewey &
& lady. lady from Chenango Co. N.Y. on a visit. Evening I rode to Algiers to
see if the new sleigh was finished - could not have it till

Feb 1820 next day P.M. - before returning home visited several places on the hill
504 - came to S & P's - took in Dr S. & started for home - hailed a gentleman & lady as I rode past them in the street, found that they were Mr Wm Beeman & his consort, now here on a visit - invited them to our house - W Beeman & lady promised to come if they could. We received the company of friend M. Norton & lady, made a bargain for a plow-share at 22" pr lb. We also M Norton 2d & lady, made a bargain for a plow-share at 22" pr lb. We also 2d & lady this day bargained away one of our best cows, for ten thousand shingles, Cow sold at \$2.50 pr thousand, to Eliphalet Walbridge - shingles to be merchantable delivered at his store - the cow to be kept by us till she had a calf. Walbridge Sally & Melissa took another ride this evening, first to town & then to E. Fay Jun's - Henry, coachman - were not long absent.

WEDNESDAY-9th-snowed most of the day from the E. We drew up 4 loads of J. Rewey wood - then spent P.M. & evening with cousin J. Rewey and lady late from & lady Berkshire, Broome County, N.Y. - left at home 9 children - the eldest abt 20. Mrs R. is the eldest of my aunt Taylor's children, being now in her 42nd year. Aunt T. was the 5th child & 3rd daughter of my grandfather Abner Dewey & is now in her 61st year. Mrs Waters informed me that her father (uncle T.) had been very ill the present winter, but was recovering his health when she came away. See P8s 443-623. E. Waters & lady were here this evening - they all departed about 9 o'clock. Mr Duncan came down from Pownal mountain - stated that his lady had been very ill of late, but was now gaining a little. THURSDAY-10th-Cold, cloudy & chilly - at night it snowed moderately. We secured the shoes of the new sleigh - fitted a lumber box to it & 2 o'clock P.M. carried Melissa, Lydia & Sally Visit at to Capt Norton's to visit Mrs Clarissa Barney who was in great preparation for her western expedition. At uncle Joe Norton's had the sleigh Capt N's tongue made shorter. On the

FEB 1820 hill found them raising Fassett's horse shed which had been blown down
505 in the storm of the 17th ult - Saw Col Norton who had lately arrived from Essex, N.Y. - Saw W. Beeman - went to Col N's & conversed a few moments with his lady who I think appeared much as she did six years Mr Beeman & lady since - they came very near making us a visit this P.M. but circumstances were such as to prevent it. At home they left 3 children - the youngest 18 months old. The eve'g I spent at Capt N's but not quite Visit at so agreeably as I could have wished, on account of being in my duds, but Capt N's they made nothing of that. Played some old tunes for Capt N. Lucretia & Laura were both at home - the former sung with me while playing a few song tunes. The ladies had an excellent visit with Clarissa. Lydia & Melissa informed me that all the old school adventures as far back as they could recollect were talked over - from the days of Susa Ward down to those of H.A. Fay & Nathan Mellen. What was very fortunate & opportune, there was no other company present. This was considered as the taking leave visit. Mrs B. seemed pleased with the idea of going - requested me earnestly to write which I engaged to do - she promising the same to me. Friend Ward was not present - being at his father's. Luman, John & Buel appeared to be making a settlement of Expedition accounts. FRIDAY & SATURDAY, two warm thawing days. Went to Troy - bo't to Troy of Dan'l Nerret & Son 10 hhd 2 quarters 27 lbs weight of plaster, bags not deducted - traded on credit. For cash, or on short credit they sold at \$9.00 - or on long credit at \$9.50 pr ton. Signed a note for what I had. Parsons sent cash & a jug with which I bo't 2 galls tanners oil at 87½ cents. Wheat was from 7 to 8/6. On the road I became acquainted with a Mr Haywood of Shaftsbury who married one of the Milington girls. FRIDAY night staid at Mr Wheeler's 3 miles this side Troy - had very good accommodations for 44". Here I saw Dan'l Thompson, Constable of Brunswick - had some no-

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tifications written for a republican meeting. He was a firm Clintonian - The landlord's wife was this man's daughter - There was likewise living here a green Irishman late from the N. of Ireland county of Derry - took passage at Belfast - Landed in the United States in Nov. last Mr Wadsworth since I was there had built a considerable addition to his house at the E. end. A good deal of company was here both days. On the road it was bad turning out in many places on account of the deep snow - My sleigh ran very hard - being new & rough - the snow became soft & settled fast under the influence of a bright sun. Mr Downs and his son dressed $22\frac{3}{4}$ lbs flax on Saturday.

N. Downs
flax.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 19th SUNDAY-13th³ Warm, pleasant & thawy - wind S.
Hay. Since cutting the E. hay-mow, the S. half had been
Expedi- consumed. MONDAY-14th & TUESDAY 15th-In the morning of the 14th it was
tion to frozen, but the sun soon came out very warm - thawed extremely fast all
Troy. that day the succeeding night & next day, sweeping off the snow at a
great rate, causing the sleighing, which on Monday morning was in general
Taylor good to be almost ruined. Was employed these 2 days on an expedition
to Troy - arrived there in good season - loaded in haste, tho' I had dur-
ing the time, considerable chat with my friend Taylor who said his rela-
tions lived in Whitehall where he became acquainted with Ward Barney.
Mr T., as had been usual, put up & weighed my plaster which amounted to
1000 $\frac{1}{2}$ gross - gave a note for it - bo't $\frac{1}{2}$ bhl blown salt, paid 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ for
it, left Troy & came up to Stauntons 9 miles this side. Here I found
Moore that gentleman mentioned p.158 - a Marylander by birth - his occupation
was that of a taylor - was discharged in 1815 from the U.S. service, in
which he held a serj'ts birth - had lived sometime at Pittsfield where
he worked for H. Taylor.

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of whom he spoke very highly - Told me his name was Moore - drew a pen-
sion of \$72.00 pr annum on account of 2 wounds rec'd in his right leg
and left ankle - kept shop at Staunton's. Next morning latish paid my
Sam bill and started for home - found the snow going in haste - but this d^d
Staunton did not prevent people from going out with loads, met several Bennington
& Pownal teams - Saw this side the Potter Hill our old friend Sam Staun-
ton on his return home - had visited Rhode Island on a kind of pedling
tour. Encountered nothing very serious before baiting at H. Four Cor-
ners, Wilcox's, nevertheless had a great many hearty pulls and anxious
feelings. At W's a young man happened there who had been to Petersburg
visiting his friends - was returning to Algiers on foot - wanted I
should carry him & his budget, consented to carry only the latter. From
the Corners as I came this way found very poor sleighing - On Kinion's
Flat the road was bare & after crossing the bridge got stuck - went to
K's where they, by request, took a pair of young bulls, 2 yrs old this
spring, drew my load to his house, there we took off about half - then en-
gaged to pay the man for his trouble, started again - came up to Dim-
micks - called and took some good cider and from thence proceeded home-
ward without further interruption. My friend Blair left me at Hicks' -
Blair found him to be a good companion - invited him to call & see me. On
W Barney Sunday Mr Ward Barney & lady started on a journey of 450 miles to Mead-
& lady ville, Pa. - they had but one team - Mrs B. embarked on this expedition
with no one to accompany her from this quarter except her spouse - her
Letter to spirits & prospects were equally elevated. The same day I wrote a let-
Catherine ter to cousin Catherine to inform her that her mother and the redt of
us were in usual health. Some directions were sent to her uncle & aunt
to see to affairs there &c. WEDNESDAY-10th-Warm, cloudy, some rainy, con-
tinued thawing fast - We drew up 6 loads of wood from back of the rocks
consisting mostly of beech & birch. On Tuesday P.M.

Feb 1820 the company of Mrs Gleason, Mrs Hinman, & Mrs Parsons was rec'd here.
 508 THURSDAY-17th-Thundered this morning - wind S.W.- Rained nearly all day - held up toward night. We attended to our books. The Tongue Distemper, which had visited every section of our country & been the subject of conversation in every bar-room & store, now for the first time made its appearance among our creatures. Old & young Nancy were the patients first attacked.. Friend Montague arrived from visiting his relations in Massachusetts, whome he left in health - complained of bad travelling in consequence of which brought his cutter & load no farther than Stone Tavern in W'mstown. FRIDAY-18th-Cold & frozen - wind N.W. The sled was shed & 2 loads of wood were drawn. SATURDAY, 19th-Cold, fair, a little hazy. Six loads of wood were drawn from behind the rocks. Buckley Squires dined with us. The letter which I received from cousin Emily Palmer p.405 was a very pleasing and friendly one, to which in the course of a few weeks adterwards a reply was written - and then on the 15th of Dec. I rec'd an answer for which I had returned nothing, but held myself indebted until paid. Downs & Son got out flax here.

Sept. As to our September election in this town, I proposed at the time ,
 election giving some particular account of it, but being defective in materials & otherwise ill prepared, a brief summary must suffice. No previous public nomination of Representative took place, on either, the Republican or federal side, consequently at the meeting several candidates were voted for. Those on the R. side were Wm Henry, Darius Clark, & Sam'l B. Young - those on the other were Moses Robinson, John Norton & Solomon Safford. Great warmth was betrayed by many, especially among the democrats, where some serious jars arose which a long lapse of time may not allay. These feuds & bickerings are no credit to the good citizens of Bennington - their attention ought to be divided directed to higher and more important objects than office-seeking.

Feb 1820 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th FEB'Y-20th-Snow & hail came harsh from S.W. in
 509 the morning - this gradually gave way to mild weather - clear & pleas't at night. Read the excellent lectures of Dr Priestly. In the eve'g Melissa, Lydia & Sally walked to, and made a visit in Algiers. Cousin S. Robinson, with his sister Polly & Mary Norton paid us a visit. MONDAY-21st-Cold, harsh gusts, angry clouds, scuds of snow from N.W. Eight loads of wood were drawn from behind the rocks. Erastus chopped for us - talked with me about going to the vendue of Buel Norton store of goods in Adams, Ms. Our horses had the Tongue Distemper so bad that they could eat no hay. We gave them boiled rye, scalded indian meal &c. TEUSDAY-22d-Warm and pleasant - Drew 7bloads of wood. Erastus assisted us 2/3rds of the day. A Mr Manchester of White Creek came with Mr Jo Niles and E. Waters and made a bargain for doing a job in his line.

Melissa Melissa & Dama went to Patchins' in the evening. WEDNESDAY-22d-went to
 & Dama Stones' hither part of Williamstown - warm, hazy & spring-like - It was good doings for the season till we arrived at the foot of the Pownal Expedition hill - then the ground was bare all the way to S's with the exception of
 to Stones a few light patches of snow. At Josiah Wright's, after waiting a good while for his return from the Haley place procured a waggon. His lady appeared smart and industrious spinning on a new little wheel. At Stones remained above an hour - baited and dined. Loaded up the broom corn & cutter which friend Montague left there on his return from Hedley - and came half-way up the great hill - returned and paid 25" for the waggon, then reloaded corn & cutter upon the sleigh and without farther difficulty returned home. Jonathan returned this morning with Parsons from visiting Haff at White Creek -

Feb 1820 THURSDAY-24th-Stormed,hail in the morning - lightened & thundered. Rain-
 510 ed moderately P.M. Drew 3 loads of wood & cleared out for barn. Hiram
 Mrs Kent Waters visited Erastus & Hon. Mrs Kent paid a visit to our ladies - Mr
 Montague K. carried little Ren. Erastus made broom handles. Snow going off fast
 FRIDAY,25th-Chilly wind from S.E. - cloudy - some rainy - We cut butter-
 Sugar- nut,walnut & elm wood about the rocks. Erastus hired gen'l Robinson's
 works. sugar trees of him - 26th we made some dispositions for making sugar -
 H.DeBar chopped & sawed some wood - Henry worked nearly all day - Mr Blackington
 Blackintonschool ended on the 25th - school bill \$1.15" - I rec'd of J.Rogers \$5.
 Cash recd in a Montreal bill. Visited town,but did no business. Saw S.H.Blackmer
 of Rogers at Hicks';played on his fiddle a little. Had a wood saw filed by J.Sears
 at Waters'. H.Waters said he had engaged an important job of J.H.Hicks
 H.Waters who had visited Montague this day on that business. The weather much
 like that of the 25th - Muddy - snow going fast.

TUESDAY,FEBRUARY 29th SUNDAY-27th-The thaw continued - snow had dis-
 H.Dimmick solved very rapidly - the wind from S. cloudy
 & rainy. Horace Dimmick paid us a visit - mentioned that his father
 had bargained away his farm to Ward Barney,conditionally as we under-
 stood it. Read Priestly. Erastus & Jonathan looked over their books &
 Montague found out how they relatively stood in their partnership. MONDAY-28th-
 & Rogers So pleasant was the morning that Spring seemed near at hand - bluebirds
 were heard to sing,but ere night this prospect vanished - wind & clouds
 came from N.W.- sleety on Shaftsbury mountains. Cutting,splitting &
 Endorse- sawing wood was the employment - Mr Bliss came to Erastus to get brandy
 ment on of him. TUESDAY-29th-Clear,very cold,wind high from N.W. We drew 7 ld
 Rogers' wood. Henry chopped at the pile. Received,or rather endorsed \$30. on
 note. Rogers note - see p. 421

Mch 1820 Blackinton had now paid Rogers in full for the grey mare and was prepar
 511 ing to leave town with Bliss Loomis for Massachusetts,within a days ride
 of Providence, R.I. - he bo't 22 brooms of Montague at 99 - paid in
 Blackin- cloth. I ought not to omit mentioning (Feb'y 29) that as we were lead-
 ton ing wood at the foot of the ridge of rocks,about 15 rods N. of the
 Fall of brook a huge rock suddenly started from the brow of the hill in a direc
 a rock tion a little S.W. of us and rolled down with great violence,but without
 injury to ourselves or cattle,tho' we as well as they and other cattle
 Tongue that were at a distance had a prodigious fright. The Tongue Distemper
 Distemper made slow progress among the horned cattle - our three horses which suf
 fered considerably from it lately,were now about recovered - none had
 Hay very hard. As to hay,we had reduced the N. division of the E. mow to 3
 feet in height - the E. scaffold was nearly cleared - See Feb'y 19 -
 C.Wal- Charles Walbridge on the 28th inst rec'd on Wm Haswell's acc't pr token
 bridge 2 bushels wheat towards paying town tax.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th WEDNESDAY (TUESDAY) 1st-Fair-rather hazy-snow-
 Wood ed a little at night. Compleated the business
 drawing of drawing wood from the rocks whence we had taken about 50 loads,
 which might make perhaps 20 cords. We cleared the ridge of about 3/4th
 of the wood which it produced,consisting chiefly of butternut,besides
 which we cut maple,walnut,ash,beech,birch,elm and basswood. Late P.M.
 Taxes visited town - paid the State Tax \$5.60" - Town tax \$8.39" to be set-
 tled by Wm Haswell. Spent a little time with my musical friends at
 their several places of abode. F.Blackmer & I.J.Hendryx - the latter
 Removals used his violin - H.Waters in comp'y. E.Fuller removed,family & effects
 to Irish Corner - Mr J'd Sears & family moved into the house lately oc-
 cupied by the former.

Mch 1820 THURSDAY-2d-Very cold-great roaring of wind from N.W. Conveyed 6 bushel
 512 wheat to Wm Haswell to pay taxes-had a span of horses shod at Davis'-
 Haswell D, wife and some friends had arrived from a visit at Rockingham,Vt.late
 recd wheat in the night-Got harness mended in a small degree at Hicks' on Gov.P's
 J.Davis acc't tow'd riding to Troy as stated p.408. Was called into the printing
 office to examine a word in the handwriting of Ira Hill Preceptor of the
 Academy in Manchester, not rightly spelled. No book was at hand to settle
 the affair - the name was "Jenghis Khan" which he had rendered "Gen his-
 kan'" - Butler's Sketches of U.S.History was the only author we could
 Orthogra- handily procure - according to whose orthography the types were set. The
 phy piece in question was Mr H's address to his pupils. Erastus who had en-
 tirely given up his sugar business, performed a tour to the N. part of
 Erastus Shaftsbury to settle an affair with D.Matteson, nothing less than receiv-
 ing pay towards a lumber debt - sold his lumber to H.Waters who with J.H.
 Mr Eldred Hicks and team transported 1000 feet to the foot of Court House hill this
 & lady day - broke down there & left it till next day. Old Mr Eldred & lady
 staid here this night. Mr P's child getting better. FRIDAY-3d³Extremely
 Expedi- cold, wind severe & searching from N.W. Went to Troy - having J.Rogers in
 tion to company. Bo't 1106 gross of plaster - for that & what I had previously
 Troy. rec'd amounting to 32 wt 10 gr 5 lbs at 45" pr hundred - paid D.Meritt &
 Plaster. Son in full \$14.46". My good friend Tayler waited upon me again. They
 had been very seriously alarmed Thursday night by the jail being set on
 fire by the criminals, 4 of whom on examination were considered convicted
 of the horrid crime. The river had not been open below Albany - at Troy
 it was covered with floating ice. Bo't 1 bushel Isle of May salt 1/2 do
 Turks Island - paid 81" for the former - 53 for the latter - also bo't
 for Parsons 2 qts oil, pd 44". Wheat going dull at from 6 to 7/0 - rye
 4/3 - Dull doings in Troy.

Mch 1820 We left Troy about sunset and came up to Mr Wheeler's, put up for the
 513 night. Saw Mr Thompson again whom I saw when I was here some days ago.
 Towards the latter part of the evening a Dutchman belonging not far
 from the old Dutch meeting-house, called in, and while smoking his pipe
 entertained us with many queer ditties or rather anecdotes illustrativ
 of his favorite subject - fondness of the Fair. He appeared very happy
 - I should say not far from 45 -, had a wife and family consisting of 1
 son & 6 daughters. A young man who had lived in Cazenovia during the
 bad season, on his way to Williamstown where his father resided, tarried
 here. Had a large colt, not quite 3 years old, for which he gave 50 dol-
 lars - led him by his side - his name was Luke. A gentleman from Pow-
 nal, named Brown, also lodged here - had a one-horse waggon, loaded with
 500 of plaster in the stone - next day, we overtook him, broken down near
 the bridge over Tom-Hannock Creek - bound up his broken axle-tree, left
 his load and came on empty. SATURDAY-4th-Cold & a little snowy in the
 morning-tolerably fair and growing colder all day. Started about 7 -
 -> met Wickwire this side Hoffman's - saw Jesse Loomis at Wadsworth's -
 Uncle Jo appeared to be engaged about the approaching election, in favor
 of Tomkins. Met Dan Downs a mile or two this side W's - talked with ~~W~~
 him a moment - At Mammy Shaws' Jonathan saw his friend Isaac Vail who
 called him to join in consuming a treat which he was bound to bring in
 there. At Keniens' took on the 4 bags of plaster which I left there on
 the 15th ult - Henry had bro't the oxen down to our assistance - paid
 Mr K. for storage and assistance rendered on the 15th - accepted of a
 treat from him & started for home, where we arrived 7 at night.
 Waggoning very passable from Troy up to the Four Corners - this side
 indiff't.

Mch 1820 514 Let me say that on the 2d inst visited & found all well at uncle S. Robinsons - received of him 5 dollars which had been deposited with him by me to buy salt with.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th SUNDAY-5th-Great part of the day very cloudy & extremely dark- at night rained & snowed, but not of long duration. Wrote Journal - read letter. MONDAY-6th- Unpleasabt & stormy - snowy from N.W. but not to any great extent. Went to Safford's Mill - carried 4 bhls wh't - 6 of rye, 2 of corn & 3 of wht for Dr Swift from his house. Visited the printing office & settled accounts with Col Norten. B. Harwood acc't \$w7.48" - M. Norton, \$24.30" - due from him \$3.18" - See p. 173 Our settle't was very friendly & fair including the beef mentioned on the page above referred to.

Darkness

Accounts settled with Col Norten

Capt Fry

Produce 1818

Butter & cheese

Hail

TUESDAY-7th-Cold & P.M. snowed considerably - wind appeared to be N.E. We worked at the wood till it snowed so fast that we tho't best to retire. Capt Fry called in and tarried awhile - Drank cider & made rhyme

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th Stormed, coarse and fine hail nearly all day. Cast up the amount of produce raised in 1818 of which was sold, including beef, & live stock the value of \$386.07" From May 18, 1818 to May 18, 1819 solds Lbs 421.7" butter, amount'g to \$71.77" Same year Cheese Lbs 1035.05 oz sold for \$80.92" - The dairy consisted of from 11 to 13 cows This article, dairy, I omitted setting down unser the proper date - here same year it is offered to supply the deficiency. THURSDAY-9th-The storm had continued all night - rained mixed with hail nearly all day. It was one of our great E. storms, but without much wind. We had

Mar 1820 515 a youngish black cow which had a calf was ill with the tongue distemper not likely to do well. Of the hay mentioned p.492-506 we had now nearly the whole of the W.mow, but not a great supply of straw on hand. Uncle Sam came up to see us & did us a great kindness in his line.

Distemper Hay

Settle'mt with B. Squires

Mistake in writing

Settl'mt in part with Montague

FRIDAY-10th-Rained a great deal this day - at night snowed - Everything was covered with ice that was exposed to the weather and a coat of hail covered the ground - 6 or 8 inches thick. Rode with Erastus & Jonathan to town - they bo't leather of capt Squire - I bo't 28" worth of nails at S. & Pickett's store. We went to Algiers - got the grist at S's mill mill - Came to B. Squires' and settled accounts with him. His charges for tanning 5 calf skins amounted to \$5.00 - ours to \$4.62 but one of the skins being damaged, through his management, deducted 38", which made us even. Bro't away 2 skins - a 3rd included in the settle't was not yet finished. Jonathan bo't more leather here which as well as what he rec'd at capt S's was on Erastus' account. SATURDAY-11th-Snowed hard in the morning. I am wrong. Friday was the day on which it snowed in the morning - P.M. ceased storming, but was cloudy - trees all covered with thick ice and it it was not on that but the preceding ,that the business in town and Algiers was transacted. On Friday a settlement in part was effected with friend Montague. This day we were enable to ascertain with more precision the situation of accounts. Montague, including ironing sleigh \$11.00 - Rogers' company shoemaking bill & paying Lem. Leach together \$16.81" amounted in all to\$65.81

Add balance due on note given Apl 9 1818 7.65

\$73.46

Harwood's, including \$22.50 board, \$6.00 horse keep 50.78

\$22.68

Mar 1820 SATURDAY-11th (Contin'd) Cold, flying clouds, wind N.W. The tongue dis-
 516 temper continued to prevail among our cattle & horses but not to an
 alarming degree. We attended to the woodpile - father went to mill and
 Tongue transacted other business - agreed with Mr Walbridge to accept of other
 Distemper pay than a cow for shingles. Carried the hide mentioned p.493 to B.
 Bargain Squires' - nobody present, left it for further discussion. I settled
 with E. accounts with Mr B.Fuller. For work in his line exhibited an account
 Walbridge. of \$5.42" - ours was \$5.94" which left a balance in our favor of \$00.52
 Hide to which he paid in cash. SUNDAY-12th-Cold & hazy - sleighing good - crust
 Squires. strong enough to bear a horse. It was supposed that the body of snow &
 Settle'mt hail now upon the ground, if dissolved, would form a like body of water.
 with Full-I had finished reading Priestley's Lectures which are very useful, par-
 er. ticularly to young persons wishing to be informed respecting history,
 Sleighing gov't &c. - and had commenced perusing Goldsmith's Greece Abridged. I
 Priestly do not like Lycurgus' Laws - humanity revolts at the idea of such a
 Lectures state of society as that in which the Spartans lived.

MONDAY, 13th Moderately stormy, wind S. thawy. Plagued with stiff neck
 - father ill - Henry drove chopping slowly - Previous to
 Wood this we had prepared for the stove & piled of the present years wood -
 rather exceeding 3 cords. Henry had chopped through one pile and nearly
 Ministerial compleated a second. P.M. attended a meeting at the meeting house, the
 object of which was to devise means for the support of the gospel. Col
 Meeting. Fay was Moderator. Several short speeches were made proposing different
 ways to come at the object without throwing much light on the subject.
 But let me amend my account by stating that at a previous meeting a com-
 mittee consisting of Gen Robinson, Deac. French & capt M. Robinson was
 app'td to

Mar 1820 to confer with Mr Peters respecting the question of his remaining with
 517 this people. They reported that he could be had - at, I suppose, by infer-
 ence, a salary of from 7 to \$800.00, but did not ask it, only mentioned
 what others had. To raise this sum the general opinion was that the pro-
 prietors of pews might give them up for the ensuing year to go to the
 highest bidder - or to tax the pews according to the original sale if
 the proprietors chose to keep them. Some dispute was had about unsold
 pews - Judge Fay & others tho't they could not be touched - but David
 Robinson Jun made it plain that the real owners of pews were the lawful
 proprietors of the whole house - could dispose of those not sold and ap-
 propriate the proceeds for the use of the whole - could lay a tax for re-
 pairing sd house but without power to compel individuals to pay. On mo-
 tion of Dr Swift a large committee in conjunction with that above men-
 tioned was chosen to go around and confer with the proprietors of the
 meeting house on what course they were willing to take with regard to
 the ministerial business - to report to a special meeting of proprietors
 to be held on Thursday, the 23d inst. I can recollect a few composing
 this committee - who were - Dr Swift, Esquire Henry, Esq Hubbell, A.S.
 Hinsdill, U. Edgerton &c. After the meeting adjourned rode to B. Squire's
 Hides paid carrying him and Mr Sterns in my sleigh - rec'd of the former in full
 for for 76 lbs hide \$3.80" - returned to Dewey's mill - took on a grist of
 provender - got back against Dr Swift's - met a man in a cutter who made
 Mag. Bon. it his business to collect money for the use the Shaftsbury Mag. bon'm
 paid horse - paid him \$6.00 - there being but one which took - gave 2 bills,
 one on Keene bank - the other a Windsor bill - both which he disliked -
 the remainder suited him - said he should return the others if it did
 not pass without discount. I replied that I rec'd them as current as
 any mon-

Mar 1820 518 ey of that description - if it were counterfeit, must take it back, of course, but if good - hoped I might never see it again. Towards a plough share rec'd of M. Norton 2d - price \$5.28 - paid to his lady in brandy & cheese \$3.82 Erastus entertained a handsome young man named Phelps of good behavior - staid all night - belonged to S. Hadley, Ms. Our good part paid friend Asa Doty whom I saw at the meeting informed me that his wife died for. after a long illness on Tuesday the 7th inst. - aged 27 - maiden name Phelps of Polly Gunn - they had been married about 6 years - had had 2 children - S. Hedley both boys.

A. Doty, TUESDAY-14th-Rainy all the forepart of the day - at night wind turned N. loss of his W. snowed considerably - tough storm - thundered in the P.M. wife. We had now on hand a handsome double pile of hard wood containing between Thunder 5 & 6 cords, compleatly seasoned - other seasoned wood was consumed to a Old wood, very a few sticks - Had 5 young calves at the barn, doing well. Mr Dun- Calves can & lady paid us a good visit - Settled accounts with J. Rogers whose 1820. charges were \$92.63" - on our part \$124.41", balanced by due bill. This Mrs settle't included only book charges - there were some other articles to Duncan be settled hereafter.

Settle't WEDNESDAY-15th A light snow had fallen in the night - flying clouds from with Rogers N.W. - sleighing continued remarkably fine. Visited the Shingles Safford mill with $9\frac{1}{2}$ bhls wheat and 4 do rye - returned with 3000 shin- L. and gles from Walbridge's. P.M. attended to the woodpile. Henry got the Melissa. colt shod at Davis'. Melissa & Lydia visited at Patchins'. Capt Waters tarried here this night - also Charles Grimes.

Waters. THURSDAY-16th- Right March weather, cloudy, snow flying. From Algiers bro't a grist from mill & $1\frac{1}{2}$ thous. shingles from W's/ Davis Had business with Mr Davis who now was preparing to leave town - agreed once to take a cider hogshead of him for what was due us bur again went to him arranged the affair so as not to take it in his work.

Mar 1820 519 Among other affairs the woodpile was not neglected tho' Henry had to at- tend the drawing of a smallish house from the old Stephen House place now owned by Dan'l Church, to the farm of the late Phineas Scott. Hiram House S. bo't it of Capt Squire - Mr Kent superintended the drawing which was drawn. said to have been done in a very easy, expeditious manner. Cousin Sam came here and sold goods to the girls. We were indebted to him on last years account \$2.70 I paid Mrs Capt Squires' \$100.50" for rennet bo't last season. Evening visited Mr Davis, then Hicks' - there saw gen. Robinson with a subscription for raising funds to support Mr Peters. Having S. Black- heard friend Blackmer fiddle a few moments, came home with friend Rogers. mer Sam & Dama attend'd dancing school at Four C's.

FRIDAY, -17th- Pretty cloudy-wind S.W.-not very cold. Dr Swift and our friend U. Edgerton came to us this morning to get our signatures to one of their ministerail papers - one of which was drawn for those to specify what they will pay annually, the other for those wishing to pay by tax on the one half of what they gave in on the grand list - to pay their proportion of the deficiency, if any there might be, of \$750 proposed to be raised in the specific subscription bill for the support of the Rev'd Absalom Peters - We signed the latter - Capt Moses Robinson signed \$60.00 on the former, as did Esq'r Henry \$20.00 Mr Downs & Son Flax finished dressing 124 lbs flax and had i/3d for their pay. We bo't 2 Hoss bo't hees of a pedlar of such ware and paid him 2 bhls rye. Aunt Sarah here Aunt Sara on a visit. Erastus was ill. The death of King George 3rd was announc- Geo 3rds ed in the papers as happen'g Jan'y 29th in the 32d year of his age & 60" death. of a most important but chequered reign.

SATURDAY, 18th-Middling fair, wind N.W.-thawed some-We had erected into compact piles-about 6 cords wood. Erastus & Jonathan P.M. rode away, gone all night. Mr Sears erected for the ladies 2 clothes presses in the upp'r entry. Mrs Lydia (Fay) Edgerton made a fine visit

here - her husband came in the ev'g made a short terry and waited upon her home.

Mar 1820 SUNDAY-19th- Fine, but chilly day, wd S.W. Five years since this eve'g
520 was married to S. Stone at T.C. Parsons' in the "Blue Room"
Lydia with mother took a ride - others went to meeting. This ev'g wrote
Letter to a letter to Capt H.A. Fay of Albany informing that his sister was in tol-
H.A. Fay erable health, paid us a visit on Saturday - mentioned father and mother,
the latter being better than for several years during the winter, but now
began to feel her spring complaints coming on heavily - stated several
particulars which I cannot take pains to write here.
MONDAY, 20th Father improved a fine morning after bringing a load of
sand from Uncle Leonard's bridge, in carrying Mother abroad
Sleigh for her health. Main business was cutting & sawing wood. At night,
ride to S thawy, & likely to rain. Henry went to uncle Sam's with a sleigh load
Robinsons of females - the house being cleared of all except mother & Adeline.
Dark & cloudy, wind S. We finished our sett't with Montague, all whose
Settle't charges against us, after deducting \$3.00 for the price of the Norton's
with for ironing the sleigh upon the word of Col N. to whom the work had ex-
Montague. hibited, amounted to \$69.99 - balanced by due bill of \$19.21 Settled up
to March 10th - all done in harmony.
TUESDAY-21st- Had snowed some in the night, raw & chilly all day. Work
Mrs Street as above. Mrs Street & Mrs Patchin with her infant son
& Mrs came here on a visit. Mr P. waited upon them down, & at night came and
Patchin gallanted them home. Mr Z. Cutler from the center of Woodford tarried
Cutler of with us this night. He had bargained to take a cow of E. Montague to re-
Woodford turn double in the course of 4 years.
Lem Smed- WEDNESDAY-22d- Chilly, raw & fair. Work continued the same. Levi Smedly
ly. Jun this P.M. paid us a short visit. Young Slocum of
Slocum. Hoosack came to buy Erastus' horse - to match his own, which he much re-
sembled.

Mar 1820 THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd Thawy-wind S.-cloudy-snow going off fast. Fore
521 part of the day worked at the woodpile. P.M.
attended the adjourned meeting of the meeting house proprietors and that
Meeting of the Church & Congregation which succeeded. The business of the for-
house & mer was only to constitute a committee, consisting of Gov Tichenor, Gen
Ministeri-Robinson & Wm Henry, to whom was transferred the whole care of the meet-
al meet'g ing house, with power to lease six pews below and I think 2 in the galler-
ies, to which there was some opposition. They were to call a meeting at
which they should report how much there was due towards repairs already
made, & what further repairs were necessary - and inform how many pews
had been sold & unpaid for &c. The business of the latter was to hear
the report of their committee who stated what had been done towards ob-
taining funds for settling Mr Peters - The papers mentioned P. 519 were
exhibited and read with the names of the signers - but it was found that
the tax subscription was not rightly understood - indeed so in the dark
am I left that it is impossible to give a clear view of it here.
Instead of meaning that a man should be taxed only one-half what
his town & state bill amounted to, it meant that each signer should pay
his proportion of what half the Grand List of the town would raise - and
it was calculated that they could get signers enough to come to it, but
it appeared that they had not & of course, the more they got on the spe-
cific subscription so much the worse off were those who signed the other
because the percentage would be higher. A long gingle ensued on this
head without coming to a clear decision. Adjourned to Saturday, April 1.
FRIDAY, MARCH 24th Warm & thawy, snow going fast-worked at the wood.
Sugar A few trees were tapped by Erastus & Henry.
works

SATURDAY-25th- Very warm indeed - pleasant - wind S. Worked as above.
 S.Robinson Erastus set the caldron - which took us away from the wood
 Jun. in a manner-measure. Sap was gathered & boiled. Aunt Docia was bro't
 home by cousin Sam.

Mar 1820 522 SUNDAY, MARCH 26th Continued extremely warm-soft S.wind-Snow all gone in
 low-lands except large drifts. Father went to church
 - the rest were variously employed - I red Grecian History - Xenophon's
 Death of Retreat. Died this morning of a lingering illness which she bore with
 Mrs H. Christian fortitude, Mrs Harriet consort of Henry Robinson - aged 23.
 Robinson MONDAY, 27th Thick & cloudy. P.M. some rainy from S.W. Ev'g wind chang
 ed N.W.cold. P.M. attended Mrs R's funeral which was larg
 Sermon preached by Mr Prince of Cambridge, N.Y. took his text in 2d Kings
 4th - 26th.

Ministerial TUESDAY, 28th Good weather for laborers. Pursued working at wood. In
 paper. the eve'g Dr Swift exhibited a paper which we signed with
 others construeing thzt mentioned at the meeting on the 23d as I have
 there given it. I was mistaken in stating that it was agreed to lease
 Error pews in the gallery - it miscarried.

Town WEDNESDAY-29th Pretty clear, very cold wind from N.W. Our town meeting was
 Meeting the most peaceable & expeditious that had taken place in
 many years. There was no balloting, most of the officers came in by nomi-
 nation - Esq Henry, Moderator - A.Robinson, Clerk $\frac{3}{4}$ went round for him - Wm
 Haswellopposite candidate. For Selectmen - C.Cushman-Center-D.Henry NW
 E.Fillmore, W - Giles Olin Jun N.E. & L.Norton S. S.Safford, Treasurer.
 C.Hicks & J.Dewey 1st & 2d Constables - Gen Robinson & J.Norton Gr'd
 Jurors of the town. It was voted that there should be but 3 Listers
 who were Gov D. and capt M.Robinson & Esq Henry - the new act making it
 necessary for them to assess lands given in - it was tho't best to save
 expence & for other reasons to app't but three inst'd of five. The com
 mittee for settling with the selectmen & Treasurer reported that the re
 ceipts had amounted to above \$430 - expenditures at about \$415. A tax
 of $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents was raised for the supp't

Mar 1820 523 of the poor and other charges -and, after considerable debate in which
 capt Barney, J.Hunt & O.Abell shewed their jealousy of the other parts
 of the town and other good qualities, a tax was granted of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent on the
 dollar to repair bridges & highways and buy a standard of weights and
 measures. The old committee for settling &c was re-appointed and it
 was ordered that the collector should pay into the treasury all the tow
 town's money by the 20th of March 1821.

Militia THURSDAY-30th- Clear, dry & cold-wind N.W. Business progressed in good
 election compant to a new choice; and without dissension app'td G.Blackmer, capt
 who complimented them with a long speech - J.Norton Jun Lieut - J.Rice
 2d Ensign. A.D.Robinson, J.Dewey, A.Selden and Z.K.Barney, Serg'ts.
 M.L.Norton, ...Stratten, N.Edgerton & Lyman Thayer, Corp's - All this
 took place previous to my going down P.M. They were a pretty jolly crew
 - they met at Lyons' Algiers. Visited at Mr Godfrey's abd at uncle Sol
 Safford's - at the last place saw Lewis' Map of the U.S. and saw some
 very good books. On Wednesday eve'g paid my old friend L.Norton a vis-
 it quite pleasing to me - shewed Rollin's 2 last Vol's Ancient History.

FRIDAY-31st- Rough S.wind - stormy near night. The work continued
 like what it had been. Father was taken ill late P.M.

Barn SATURDAY, APRIL 1st Clear, flying clouds, heavy gusts from N.W. The fel-
 moved lowing persons assisted in placing the S.Barn of
 the Hinman & Brown Estate a-right - B.Harwood, W.Green Jun, Reub'n Kent,
 R.Hinman & boys, J.Downs for Dr Swift, J.Gleason, E.Montague, J.Norton, Jr
 H.DeBar & myself - left it at noon. P.M. Henry & George H with teams
 attended a splendid drawing at the N.part of the town in capt Hendryx's

neighborhood - had 41 yoke of oxen to draw the capt Blackmer barn 1/4 mile N.W.

- Apl 1820 524 It was said that a letter had been rec'd from a friend of Martin Scott in the Missouri Expedition stating that he S. was so dangerously ill that it was not likely that he would ever recover - This letter was dated in Jan'y last - P.285-8.
- Lieut M.Scott SUNDAY, APRIL 2d Extremely cold, hazy - N.wind. No preaching. Read Grecian History. Ground dry.
- Hay MONDAY, APRIL 3rd Continued dry & cold. Bright N.Lights at night. The S half of the W mow was reduced as low as the floor girt. We had about compleated cutting & piling wood - had in solid pile little less than $15\frac{1}{2}$ cords - 5 more round - between 4 & 5 old or last year's wood - making in all now on hand about 25 cds. Eras tus had set fire to his limekiln. Buel Norton this day removed to the foot of Pownal hill, to keep public house there. Horace Dimmick called here just at night, very jovial, read newspapers very lively in the eve'g
- Limekiln B.Norton TUESDAY, APRIL 4th Fine but cold raw morning - Fair all day. Assisted, H.Dimmicks with oxen, horses & waggon. in removing H.Dimmick's removal. family & effects from Otis Dimmick's in Hoosick to Mr Eleasons' in our neighborhood. Friend Hinman & Isaac Wood Jun went with each a team in B.Dixon the same service - the latter informed me that B.Dixon wrote from his farm in the N.E. part of Ohio that he possessed a farm that perfectly suited him - did'nt wish to look further, and what was more, had as good Settle'mt a fiddle as any man. Mr O.Dimmick appeared low in health. His friends with Kent expected he would never recover. Eve'g settled acc'ts with Reb'n Kent, amounting to \$5.13 - we were indebted to him in the sum of \$00.25".
- Old mare The old Dutch mare aged 23 called Fanny was given to Mr N.Downs - with orders to use her well.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th Cold, dry S.wind. Put up fences & prined apple trees. Erastus arrived from Pich Gut - tended Aunt P. limekiln this night. Mr Parsons here this eve'g. Aunt Polly Crawford & daughter Polly spent the P.M. here. The latter had a great coat cut out by Melissa.
- Apl 1820 525 THURSDAY, APRIL 6th Snowy & boisterous from the S. P.M. it was tolerably calm but continued sour & cloudy. A choaring day. Father attended a meeting of the Ministerial & Meeting House Society which was not conclusive. Ladies visited at Gleason's.
- Erastus draws lime. FRIDAY, APRIL 7th Cold & raw. P.M. it snowed smartly from the S. Early part of the day having fixed off Henry & team, which consisted of oxen & horses, Erastus furnishing one horse, to Pinch Gut with a load of lime - Charles accompanying him; we took a short tramp about the wood lot & found a few trees blown down - supposed to have happened Jan'y 17 in the great tempest. Mended brush fence between the rocks and the field W. of the barn. P.M. did choars. Erastus on Lime Thurs'y m'g finished burning lime. Had a short & excellent burn.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 8th Raw & chilly, black, sour, cloudy & muddy. Ground in the m'g slightly covered with snow. Drew railantill noon out of the woods for building a fence E. of the old Sug'r Place.
- Drawing P.M. Henry was sent with oxen to cousin Sam's drawing bee in Algiers. A shop standing near capt Chase's was drawn to a few rods N. of capt Hil - intended for a barn. A little was performed at betling in the meadow - Visited town. Bro't home H.A.Fay's collection of official accounts of H.A.Fay Henry's Battles &c. handsomely bound. See p.99. Henry's brother arrived in brother. the eve'g from Hoosack.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 9th Cold - flying clouds from N.W. Wrote a short letter to G.Smedley, Litchf'd S.Farms expressing surprise at his not writing - that my mother was ill - Jonathan doing well & compliments to all friends in that place. Father & Erastus service only in

the P.M. H.Dimmick visited us & was sociable.

Montague & Grimes MONDAY, APRIL 10th Cold till late in the morning, more mild P.M. Sowed plaster $\frac{3}{4}$ P.M. sap was gather & betling manure in the meadows finished - C.Grimes assisted 2 or 3 hours. Erastus worked for Hicks

Apl 1820 526 TUESDAY, APRIL 11th Ray & cloudy, wind S.W. lightened & thundered at night. Main business getting rail stuff. I went to the raising of Mr Green's shed-roof which was done with no little confusion but without samage to anyone, though some were dangerously exposed. Those present were T.C.Parsons, N F Champney, J.Norton Jun, E Fay Jun, J F Billing, J.Sibley & his brother Lyman, B.Hand, G.House, B.Greene, P. & W Smith, J.Duncan, Mr G. & Merrit his son, - Visited friend W.Smith a moment borrowed mus'c & came home.

Green's raising

Sowing plaster WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th Spring like weather, cloudy & a little like about mid-day - we sowed plaster - all the hay we had had was contained in a mow, 12 feet high, 19 long and 12 wide - had made 24 lbs sugar from 20 trees besides some molasses.

Sugar made.

Post Coach. THURSDAY, APRIL 13 Fair, dry & cold - Visited town to get plow-irons sharpened & shovel mended at Col Norton's - Saw the body of Mr E.Youngs' Post Coach lately purchased at Albany to be lined, stuffed & trimmed at Hicks' - it appeared elegant. Gave directions to Mr S.Norton for making a whiffle-tree chain & for mending another chain - however as we luckily gained possession of one of the former description, lost a year since, found by Mrs Parsons in the highway between her house & the Dr Fay place - after I returned home was sorry such orders were given. They had a quilting here. Mrs Gleason & Mrs Waters attended

Whif-chain

Quilting

FRIDAY, APRIL 14th Cold till near noon - P.M. pleas't & warm. Had begun to plow on the 13 - continued it this day with 2 tea teams. Mr Kent framed a harrow, mended gate & hooped hogs-heads. Friend Dimmick who had been laying wall for Hinman came to see us in his bob-tailed coat.

Plowing Mr Kent Dimmick

SATURDAY, APRIL 15th Cloudy early in the day - but cleared up a fine day, Ceased ploughing at noon - P.M. mended fence - sent ploughshare to Hand - got a bbl of lime - soaked wheat in lime ready for sowing. Two Thayer girls visited here.

Company.

Apl 1820 527 SUNDAY, APRIL 16 Some of the young folks attended worship - father was not there as usual. Regulated my Index and read Goldsmith's Rome. G.House and Parsons spent the evening here.

Sp Wheat sown MONDAY, 17th Fine but frozen in the morning. Spring-wheat was sown W.of the barn and on the N.Hinman & Brown line. Capt Brown, who had lately arrived from Connecticut, came to the house with Dr Swift this morning.

Capt Brown.

TUESDAY, 18th Fine weath'r, warm indeed, P.M. We continued ploughing & harrowing - finished sp-wh't ground - that grain was steeped in lime, previous to sowing, 36 hours. In towb after having unintentionally injured the feelings of Mr Gabby by questioning his honor agreed to let him have a bbl of cider & $\frac{1}{2}$ g brandy for 11/0

Gabey. Cider.

WEDNESDAY, 19th Very warm indeed - pleasant - little cloudy. Grain and grass began to flourish. Marsh & Peters severally officiated at church. Read Roman History. Sent Gabey's cider to him as agreed upon.

THURSDAY, 20th Warm again and cloudy. Plowing, spreading manure, marking cattle and other choars constituted the business of the day. Dimmick came and worked from 9 in the morning till evening. Let the cattle go off into the woods. Vegetables began to swell forth.

Dimmick

FRIDAY, 21st Extremely warm & muggy, a littl' rainy - wd S.W. Warm nights. Ploughed half the day - P.M. attended to getting empty casks out of the cellar & filling a bbl with cider for Mr

N. Downs N. Downs carrying the same to him - let him have some onions @ he paid us in full - 17½ lbs sugar. At Mr Hinman's saw & conversed with capt Brown & Mr Silas Walbridge concerning the age of Sam H. Brown - the latter asserting by the age of his youngest son, born March 2d 1804 that Sam. & his twin mate were born on the 6th day following - Capt B. & I contended that they were born in May the same year, but could not specify the day of the month - I could find no one that could exactly recollect. Lydia thought, and I presume correctly, that Sam's birthday was the 16th of May.

Apl 1820 Our Fast was on the 19th - Mr Kent & family removed to W. part of the 528 town. Parsons & lady visited here this eve'g

Kent SATURDAY, APRIL 22d Sharp lightning, heavy thund'r, litt rain this morn-
Parsons ing - hazy & tolerably warm all day. Farming went
Thunder on as it had done, as usual - began getting out manure. Mr Bliss came
S. Robinson here this P.M. Cousin Sam staid with us all night.

Jr SUNDAY, 23rd Cool & foggy in the m'g - remainder of the day very
warm - cloudy - thundered E. & S.E. of us - wind W. an
astonishing growing season - Some app trees began to app'r green.

Mr Peters Attended service. Mr Peters from 2d Tim. 16 eminently displayed his
talents by comparing all other systems of morality with that of Holy
writ - arguing by inference its Divine origin which he performed in a
luminous & concise manner. This sermon was the 3d of a series which
he proposed preaching on the same subject. P.M. he performed handsome
ly from some words near the close of the last chap. of Revelations
where an universal invitation is held out to all sinners to partake of
the "Living Waters" - At noon I visited Gov T's Cyclopoedia & was rich
ly entertained. Miran & Dewey Duncan from Pow'l paid us a short visit

D. & M. MONDAY, APRIL 24 Sunday night there was a fine rain - good weather
Duncan followed. We sowed & plowed in oats. Mr Kent re-
turned with his family into the Fay house once more. (Mr Bliss made
our garden.) The stove in the S. room was taken out & the fire-place
opened. Visited at Hinman's & Parson's briefly - at the latter place

Oats sown Sally was with me - came home and read some fine passages respecting
J. Caesar

History TUESDAY, 25th Cool & fair, wind N.W. Finished sowing oats in the
field in which there was rye in 1819 - at the N. end a
few peas were sown - some plaster was sown in the N. mead'o. Father
dismissed attended to hear the Council called to dismiss Mr Marsh - accordingly
they dismissed him - 1 or 2 of the Church abused him.

Apl 1820 We settled in part with Mr Park Brown - paid him \$12.97" in cash to-
529 wards interest - received pay of him for making half the cider made
here last fall by Mr Hinman - the whole being 59 bbls.

Capt WEDNESDAY, 26th Cold frosty morning - fair all day - wind N.W. Had vari-
Brown. ous twistings in business - flax seed was sown - It wa
Garden was this day & not on Monday that Mr Bliss made garden here. Saw Mr
made by Haff and conversed with him a few moments. Cousin Sam Robinson having
Bliss. a sore finger rode with mother in his waggon - I had occasion to go to
Haff. Dr Swifts - saw J. Downs plowing stubble in good style. Received a very
Robinson lively & friendly reply from H.A. Fay to mine of March 20 - dated Albany
Jr. April 18th - had just returned from N.Y. City - recollected many old
H.A. Fay things, made some entertaining jests on N.Y. politics & at the conclu-
letter. sion stated that they were in usual health.

Thunder THURSDAY, 27 From a small cloud this morning it thundered & stormed
hail & rain - cool & chilly - a considerable shower ensued
Plow'g ed - remained cloudy all day - wd E. Plowed Mr Kent's garden - he
for Kent hooped some soap casks for us - ploughed Parsons garden. Ev'g Parsons,
& Parsons Dimmick & Ch Grimes were present - laughed heartily at an anecdote they
Anecdote. heard in the Worcester paper respecting a widow who lost her husband in
Ireland - her mourning, his ghost &c.

Plaster FRIDAY, 28th Some cool - in the m'g - wet - cloudy - wind E. Sowed
sown. plaster on the S. meadow W. part N. of the Upp'r & S. of
the dry-brook - a few loads of manure were carried out & other business
O. Dimmick done att'd to. Dimmick was here & had 4 hens this eve'g. Read a little
respect'g Augustus & Cleopatra - the latter was a bad character.

SATURDAY, 29 Cold till late in the M'g - flying clds - wd E.
We carted 20 lds manure. Read more of R. History. Dr
Mrs Swift said that Otis Dimmick's property was all going for debts. Mrs
Blazedell Blazedell removed from Parsons' to Kent(s. Jonathan worked upon his
wood this P.M. piling it a handsome manner. Parsons this eve'g enter-
tained Jonathan with some of his youthful sports which greatly pleased
the latter.

May 1820 SUNDAY, AP'L 30th Fine and fair - cool wind from N. Maples, white
530 birches, apple-trees &c were beginning to be green -
grass was thick set but advanced slowly. Read, this day, of the bloody
Foliage Roman Emperors who flourished from Augustus down to Commodus - with
History some noble exceptions they were monsters in human shape.

MONDAY, MAY 1st Very fair and a little cool - w'd N.W. Carted off
Manure 20 lds manure. Mr Kent spent a part of the P.M.
Parsons with us. Mr Parsons had his garden made by J.F. Billing.

TUESDAY, 2d Fine but quite cool - wind N. Eighteen loads made up
Whitewashing this days work. Erastus white-washed - the girls cleahd
by Mont'e house. Montague rec'd a cow, which on account of some marks about her
Cow sold was called "Skunk" - middling size - good for milk - at \$20. - Buckley
to him. Squire took her away - another man was going to have her and pay rent
Farsons, to M. annually for her - \$5. was talked of as the sum. Friend Parsons
this morning appeared to be in a deep study respecting the "truth & ve-
racity" of Lem'l Rich - See V. 4 p.44-105. Montague at night carried
Lime to town a load of lime. Hop-vines had grown between 2 and 3 feet -
poled some of them this P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd Frosty in the morning, cool & smoky, wind N. Continued
Farrand the same employm't - drew out 17 loads. Friend Farrand
came to see us - See Jan'y 10th or thereabouts. Revolution in Spain
happ'd in March as pr last advices from that country.

Blossoms THURSDAY, 4th Warm & pleas't - wind S.W. - Plums were in blossom -
grass & grain were in a more flourishing condition in
New plow our opinion than they had been for 9 years since. Completed getting
by Hand. out manure, including 4 loads leached ashes. A new plow was bro't from
Mr Hands - price \$2. - talked with capt Norton & E. Fay Jun'r respect-
ing plaster. Mr DeBar, Henry's father-in-law, came to see his sons -
Henry went with him to V.D. Speigles to visit his brother Andrew.

May 1820 Cousin S. Robinson came up & traded to the am't of \$1.75 with fr'd Jonathan.
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S. Robinson Jr At night a tin pedlar belonging, to Sunderland Vt returning from Sherwin, Pittsfield where he had bo't his load to former place - tarried here.
tin-pedlar Clark Harwood, my father's eldest brother, this day entered his 61st year.

FRIDAY, 5th., Cloudy & hazy - chilly S. wind - dry. Ploughed with two teams in the Tracy field which in part was manured, and that spread & turned under.

Sherwin Mr Sherwin, our tin-man, sold us some tin and departed - received of him the value of \$3.14 - paid in keeping him & 1 bushel 75 cents.

DeBar Mr DeBar spent the P.M. here - had with him a Dutch Bible & almanac in which he could read - the former printed in Tübingen, Ger. 1781 - the latter in Baltimore, Md - 1820

Sowing Our spring sowing which was finished on the 27th ult was distributed as follows $\frac{3}{4}$ the stalk ground occupied by sp wh't & flax $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of the latter - a small piece next to the Moseley farm sown with wheat. The rye-field on the Fay line sown with oats and a strip of peas, being in all about 10 acres.

SATURDAY, 6th Expected & wished for rain - wind S. & cloudy.

Dimmick We performed a hard day's labor at spreading manure & ploughing. Friend H. Dimmick assisted faithfully.

House The girls had about finished cleaning house - putting a bedstead cleaning. being set up late at night with a few harsh remarks closed the scene.

SUNDAY, 7th Chilly, sharp and from S.E. - cloudy - rainy on the mountains.

Rev. Mr Attended service during the A.M. to hear the colored preacher - Haynes the celebrated Mr Haynes of Rutland, Vt. He performed very well concerning the "Brazen Serpent" &c but spoke too fast to suit me - appeared to blessed with an excellent memory.

Tichenors' P.M. staid in time of service, accompanied a part of the by S.H. Library. Blackmer, in gov'r Tichenors' Library.

Company. Dr Swift, E. Waters, Mrs W., M. Street & Parsons were here this evening.

Henry & his brother went to Hoosack. Aunt came to visit us.
'Desia returned from Hunt's

May 1820 MONDAY, MAY 8 Cloudy, wind
532 S.E. rained
some near night, warm latter
Blossoms part of the day. We were busy
preparing to plant. Hop & bean
Vegetation poles were cut - a few of the
Plaster former planted or set.
sold Bliss. Mr Bliss rec'd $\frac{1}{2}$ bhl plas
Montague. ter. P.M. Jonathan went to Pow
Weaving. nal to see about having weaving
Hinman done for us. Mr Hinman washed
washes sheep
sheep.

Potatoes TUESDAY, 9th Quit cool & fair,
planted. wind N. About 2
acres of the Tracy-field (S.
part) were planted with potatoes
- used between 50 & 60 bbls used
It was oat-stubble land plowed
in the fall & then this sp'g.-
Mr Bliss furrowed & holed across the fur
rows - potatoes dropped & plast
ered previous to being covered
- the last operation was per-
formed by the plow except a few
Hinman & rows covered with the hoe. Messrs
Dimmick Hinman & Dimmick executed the
same. Those gentlemen & young
Cows out Edwin D. worked here all day.
to pasture Turned cows to pasture on
the 7th inst.

Thunder WEDNESDAY, 10th Frost this morn
ing - warm thro'
the day. Got all fixed for
planting corn & some was planted,
Mr Marsh Mr Marsh came

May 1820 On Thursday eve rec'd my blank Journal - 1820, bound at D. Clark's by
533 friend Solomon - it appeared all nice enough except the lettering which
Blank was badly executed - being set askew - price \$1.25. Held some conversa-
Journal tion with Jonathan respecting books which in his day he had perused.
Letter This evening received a letter from our friends in Branford, C't which
from informed that they were in usual health except Rufus B. who had tried
R.B. Stone doctoring in vain - this we were sorry to hear. Chauncey mentioned that
he lived with a Mr Lauren Palmer - could make a decent shoe &c.

SATURDAY, MAY 13th Cool and very showery hailed with some thunder. Took
up stable floors to find manure to throw upon the
Capt garden which we produced in sufficient quantity to suit our purpose -
Waters plowed a p't of the garden a 2d time - capt Waters was present during
the operation. Capt Fry came up this morning with his hoe upon his
Capt Fry shoulder, offering to be employed - but we declined the favor, at the same
time giving him a draught of cider, which we presume was quite as much an
object with him as hard work. Mr Parsons introduced a Mr Cutler from

to visit us - staid but little time.

Some apple trees were nearly in
full blossom - cherries, plums,
peaches &c were at the zenith.

Grass in pastures began to thicken
up. Parsons came up morning &
night to see about getting his cow &
horse pastured.

Erastus arrived from town with a
letter from his brother Dabiel, dated
Charlestown, Va. April 12th., 1820 -
All well.

WEDN THURSDAY, 11th Clouds thin, air
warm till about
10 A.M. then the clouds thickened - a
fresh breeze arose fr S.W. - grew
cool - P.M. seemed likely for a great
rain, but only drizzled apace.

Planted corn till 2 P.M. when Mr
Bliss who helped us went home - re-
mainder of the day spent getting pota-
toes out of the cellar & planting 2
rows of the same around the cornfield

Mr Bliss entertained us with
many lively anecdotes & some fragment
of songs of Revolutionary days.

Edwin Dimmick rode to P. Harwoods
for the ladies.

FRIDAY, 12th Warm & showery, but lit-
tle rain fell here -
Most of it moved to the E.N. & S. - we
worked all day, not regarding the rain
Thundered some. Finished all the
field planting with a trifling excep-
tion. Used the machine in laying out
rows across the ridges in the hither
field.

Mr Cutler Woodford to my father, with whom an agreement was entered into by Parsons of Wood- to pasture our flock the present season for the sake of having his cow ford. & horse kept here. Price of old or grown sheep - 2 cents - & lambs 1 Bob cent per week. I have not mentioned that the first time the present sea O'lincoln son I heard the singing of bob O'lincolns was on the 7th inst.

SUNDAY, MAY 14th., Cool & cloudy, indeed quite chilly variable wind. Letter to Besides writing a little in Journal began writing a J Harwood letter to uncle Jonas - towards eve'g - visited the house of L. Norton with books - did not see him, for he & others were gone to skin a creature Loss at which unfortunately had died lately - Conversed freely with Mrs N. & her Norton's sist'r Sally - looked at Rollin - came home about dark - Erastus' man was here this day - play the flute.

May 1820 MONDAY MAY 15th Very cool - cloudy - w'd N. Finished planting the 534 garden - potatoes, beans, cucumbers &c. P.M. worked at fence S. part of the farm. Cousin S. Robinson came up - swapped waggons S. Robin- with Parsons. Prosper Randall departed this life this day in his year son Jr - learned the goldsmith's business of Hunt & Clark who some years since Death of carried on business this side the meeting house. We think that on Sun- P. Randall day the apple trees were in full bloom

TUESDAY, MAY 16th Cold & quite rainy - wind N.E. Rode to town. - had horse shod at Col Norton's - visited the printing office - cousin U.M.'s office - Hendryx shop - Swift & Pickett's store Nail where bargained for 20 lbs shingle & 4 lbs board nails payable in brandy contract 7 gls 1 qt. Saw Wm Haswell who complained of the bad quality of the wheat sold to him - p. 512 - I informed him that we did not mean to de- ceive him & would make it up to him as much as he should say. The re- Brandy mains of Prosper Randall were with due respect consigned to the grave. to Colvin Mr Colvin this day rec'd on acc't 5 gallons cider brandy at 4/0.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th Cool & cloudy - wind N.E. Worked at fences till Raising past 3 P.M. and then went to Dr Swift's raising. The at Dr frame is an addition to E. end of his N'th barn. The carpenters had not Swift's quite compleated their work, otherwise the building would have been up in a short time - the roof was not raised for want of time. Those whom I knew that were present were: Dr Swift, E. Waters (Master), Samsen, L. Bliss, capt Waters, Nims & Greenwood, J. Davis, R. Fuller, M. Crawford, R. Kent, R. Hinman, L. Dewey, I. J. Hendryx, Little Brown, Ch Hicks, H. Dimmick Capt G. & B. Hinman, H. DeBar, J. Gleason, J. Downs, Ed Swift, M. Wickwire, Wickwire J. Brooks, H. Waters, Wm Busby. Capt Wickwire visited here - aged 86.

May 1820 Mr Duncan dined here. Mr Blackinton visited Jonathan. - had sold little 535 grey which he had worn down in several races. Melissa Street returned Blackinton here after weeks absence.

THURSDAY, MAY 18th Rainy in the m'g - cloudy all day. Wd E. We worked at fences. Henry mended shoes. This morning the Regiment- roof of Dr Swift's barn was raised. Visited town at night, where the of- al elec- ficers of the regiment had met to choose a major - L. Norton having re- tion. signed of late - Capt Francis Breckenridge was chosen to fill his place. Blackmer Spent an hour with S. H. Blackmer who had lately bo't him a new flute.

May 1820 FRIDAY, MAY 19th Cloudy & cool, w'd E. rained at night. Attended to fencing during the A.M. P.M. the flock was washed by Hinman & Dimmick - the former rec'g credit - 50" for it towards the washed by use of cider-mill &c. Went myself to Ab Nobles mill and got a load of Hinman. boards - 600 feet on Reg's acc't at \$8 pr thous - employed yoke of oxen Boards of & waggon to fetch them. Called on fr'd L.Norton with whom had a very Noble. agreeable discourse on history & some other subjects.
L.Norton

SATURDAY, MAY 20th It rained all the foregoing night & till late this morning - Not a great day for business - Father ill. Henry sold 2½ bbls 4 qts corn for 90 cents to Mr Hinman - I visited Algiers - had grists ground for Gleason & ourselves - had Montague's horse shod at M.Norton 2'ds - He had to be very busy ironing of hames for Lyon of Woodford - had barely day-light sufficient to do the horse. Andrew Montague Lyman & old Mr Hathaway he sent off. Erastus with his hands returned from working at the N.part of the town - It was on the 11th inst that he Guy E. hired Guy E.Buckman to work at masoning. I was not correct in stating Buckman that P.Randolls remains were interred on Tuesday - they left them under the meeting house, Mr Peters being then unprepared to preach a sermon - had to go to Cambridge - put it over to Sunday. Fine season for grass to grow.

May 1820 SUNDAY, MAY 21st Cold & rainy - wind E. Followed reading & writing 536 as usual - added a few lines to uncle Jonas.
MONDAY, 22nd Flying clouds, wind W. - storm seemed at an end. Shingling the barn occupied our chief attention. Barn shing'g Hiram Waters & E.Waters' apprentice Moses Wickwire - joiners - In town Homers this morning bo't 20 lbs shingle nails or received them according to con Iliad tract as mentioned p.534. Borrowed Homers Iliad of S.H.Blackmer - Dim- Dimmick mick killed a calf here this morning - the skin I carried to B.Squire to Hog trade be tanned upon shares. Swapped away a yearling hog with J.Duncan for a sow & 5 pigs of 3 weeks growth.
TUESDAY, 23rd., Cloudy - P.M. thundered - had no rain at this place of importance - evening extremely warm - wind W. Barn finished. Shingling the S. side of the barn was finished - we suppose it took up about 8½ thousand shingles exclusive of waste. Rec'd 3 thousand more shingles of E.Walbridge, one of which being poor was returned yo him Visit at again. Decia, Mrs Parsons & Sally visited at S.Loomis'. J.Norton's Loomis' wife & his sister Lydia visited here.
THURSDAY, 25th The 24th rainy in the m'g from N. - remained cloudy all day - sometimes warm - at others cool. In the succeeding night it rained considerably - 25th flying clouds, w'd N. In Expedi- the course of these 2 day made a trip to Troy - had a dry reception with tion Troy out money. Hart & Co had sold out all their salt - could not well buy at other places - bo't & paid 87½" for 1 bhl turks-island at Moore & Pitchers - Bo't of Merrit & Son wt 6 gr 1 lbs 20 plaster & 2½ bbls fine salt - the latter at 60, for which including the former gave my note payable Oct 1st in the sum of \$4.80". Visited Troy Book Store - talked about the price of the English & Classical Distionary - which he put from 9 to 7 dollars - Came up to my friend Wheelers & put up for the night.

- May 1820 537 Next morning I had much trouble getting up my horses - hasted away without taking refreshment myself or eating my horses - the pasture in which they lay being as good as a meadow - clover up to the eyes. Arrived at Wadsworth's before noon - staid here sometime - started off accompanied by a depraved, deceitful, worthless, drunken, lying wretch, calling himself Bassett Bassett - pleaded poverty, misfortune & distress, tho' not a bad figure in person - Without enumerating more of his qualities shall dismiss him with mentioning that I suffered him to ride to Bennington with me, not asking him a cent. He said he was born in Sharon, Conn. Was dressed in black, clothes badly worn., had a swollen ankle, right leg. At home I found they had compleated repairing the roof of the barn - N. side of the milk-room shingled over - Jonathan's house repaired - well curb men'd &c - had worked on the road - Mr Bliss in the bargain. The waggoning to Troy extremely bad - hardly any part of the way where water could stand but that was so cut up as to prevent driving out of a walk.
- Snow FRIDAY, 26th A terrible cold storm arose from the N.E. - rain & snow in low-lands, pure snow on the mountains where it lay a considerable time and in many places 6 inches deep. The storm came on about 9 & lasted here till 12, but continued all day on the E m'n. With our own help, worked on the road.
- Snow SATURDAY, 27th., Cleared lands in Woodford retained the snow smooth till noon or past that time - very cold m'g. fly'g cl'ds & chilly all day, w'd N. Worked out all our tax \$11. S. end of the Highway District - the whole length of which rec'd due attention - Railing was work put up along the bank at the Blue Hill - S. Loomis Com. Visited town - Heard much said respecting the Southern people. Saw uncle Gid Myers of Pownal, a pensioner. Sold 6 lbs butter to Fassett for 60" - found him loath to give that.
- Jun 1820 538 SUNDAY, MAY 28th., Chilly, flying clouds, w'd N. The snow on the mountain in the E. remained in sight all day, it was said to be 6 inches deep. Perused the immortal Homer - wrote Journ'l - finished letter to uncle Jonas & late P.M. visited friebd Luman N. & Montage & J. Jun Letter to were present. We talked of History, the Iliad, Gods & Goddesses &c in fact J. Harw'd we could hardly break off for other concerns. I left them loading ware & Then Iliad came home. Had a large white frost this m'g.
- Frost. MONDAY, 29th., Rainy A.M. - Cloudy through the day. Former part of the day choared about the barn - saving old wrought Sheep shingle nails - carry in wool &c. P.M. father went to Woodford to drive driven the flock to Mr Cutler's to pasture - 36 yld & 18 young, the former at 2 Woodford cents, the latter at 1 cent pr week. Mr Hinman sent his sons with his flock to the same place - also Edwin with 4 belonging to his father. At Busby & home Henry & I sowed plaster on oats. Mr Busby & Joseph Hand came to work J. Hand for Jonathan
- TUESDAY, 30th Cloudy, showery & unpleas't - finished sowing plaster on spr wht, did other choars & P.M. built board fence from Jona's house to the back building. Evening Sally & I carried 17½ J. Harwood lbs butter to Wallace's & rec'd in goods 12" pr lb. Entered a letter at letter the P.O. - lengthy to uncle Jonas of Parkman, Ohio. - put in strong compliments to Dixon.
- WEDNESDAY, 31st., Rainy m'g - fly'g cl'ds all day, cool wd N.W. A.M. Walling. cleared the barnyard of rubbish - P.M. begzn wall'g in S.W. pasture. At our meals Mr Busby & I discoursed upon history, wars, &c.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1st. Had a large white frost this m'g - fair all day -wd
 Montague N. Pursued walling. Erastus & his men went to work at
 Cross job Cross's - Shaftsbury. Nancy the old mare foaled a small but well made
 Foal. horse colt - See p's 388-92.

Jun 1820 FRIDAY, JUNE 2d Fair & tolerably warm - W'd N. Continued walling.
 539 Adeline had been, and continued to be ill, but was re-
 covering. Docia & Mrs Waters arrived from Arlington where they had been
 Arlington visiting at friend Hills. Left them all in health.
 expedi'n SATURDAY, 3rd Fine & quite warm - Pursued work as above. Henry & Joseph
 Fishing & Hinman's boys went over to Turner's mill stream fishing
 & had good luck. Evening visited town - sold 18 lbs butter to Fassett
 all paid for - cash, 10" pr lb. Met Dr Heman Swift who had been down to
 C. Grimes visit Charles Grimes who had arrived from Shaftsbury sick - turned about
 sick. & carried him back to the store & there received medicine for our sick
 friend. Late Erastus & Guy arrived.
 SUNDAY, 4th Hazy & some part of the day very warm - Erastus & his hands
 were in ill plight - variously afflicted - Read the Iliad
 Father & others from this quarter attended conference in the eve'g on
 the Hill. Hial Parsons visited at his broth'rs. Trees on the mountain
 near & on their summits were rather later than usual.
 Veal MONDAY, 5th Blue, cloudy & cold. wind N. Dimmick killed a fine calf
 here - the skin was carried to B. Squire to be tanned on o
 our own acc't - both hind quarters - 22 lbs a piece sold to Col Norton &
 Jewett's D. Clark. The boys waited upon a lady called Sensibility to Mr Jewett's
 Minister. Minister. We commenced hoeing corn.
 TUESDAY, 6th Tolerably cool - with flying clouds. Spent the day in
 Training military service according to law. Lieut J. Norton Jun
 & Milita- having resigned - it came to out lot to choose another in his stead - By
 ry elec- a hard run Isaac Rice 2d obtained the prize - altho' I voted for Dewey -
 tion. next grade below - was finally pleased to have friend R. get it $\frac{3}{4}$ I do
 not much approve of jumping - Mr S. Norton chosen 4th Sergt - Asahel Booth
 4th Corp'l - didn't vote for or against him - had no objection other than
 want of size. H. Hall app'd Capt of the W. company.

Jun 1820 Mr Phelps of Jackson, N.Y. waited on friend Mrs Theodosia Moore on a visit
 540 - went away again next day P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 7th Quite cool & cloudy - variable wind - Hoed corn - Charles
 C. Grimes Grimes assisted. Erastus & Buckman were spilt out of a
 Montague waggon when they started for Shaftsbury & like to have been killed.
 Buckman THURSDAY, 8th Singular dark smoky cloudy weath'r - wd N. Finished the
 1st hoeing. C. Grimes assisted - Went to Shaftsbury next
 day. Sally & I at night rode to town and traded a little - bo't tea & c.
 FRIDAY, 9th Fair & warm. Father & mother rode abroad together - Henry
 & I worked in the garden. Mr Blackington came up to see
 Blackington us from W'mstown - went away next day - swapped away a smart chestnut
 mare for Parsons' black mare & colt - even - B. was going to or attending
 school at W'stown.

Sir Peter SATURDAY, 10th Cloudy - P.M. very rainy - thundered a little. Visited
 Teazle Sir Peter Teazle - worked in the garden & c.
 Old Dutch father ill. Mr Downs dined here & related the manner in which the ven-
 mare. erable old Jenny died - Belts finally finished her - in her 24th year.
 SUNDAY, 11th Pleas't & warm - wind E. At church heard two good sermons
 Peters delivered by Mr Peters. The first one on all Scripture
 being written from inspiration of God - the 2nd addressed particularly
 to the youth - exhorting them to become pious & c - the house was unusu-
 ally full - many coming from Pown'l & Shaftsbury.

After service visited friend L. Norton, accompanied him into their up

L.Norton per pastures where he salted a numerous & fine looking herd of young cattle - went to his house - all the while had the iliad - which we perused some - talked of this & Odyssey.

S Safford This eve'g Mr Samuel Safford was married to Mrs Phoebe Morgen - an elderly couple - also Mr David Love to Miss Sophia Norton - the former 22 the latter 25.

Jun 1820 MONDAY, JUNE 12th Cloudy - wind S., warm growing weather. Worked at 541 fencing & at pulling rye out of the winter wheat which looked tolerably well. The Assessors, Gen Robinson, Esqr Henry & Assess'mt Capt M. Robinson visited us this morning in their official capacity - agreed to receive our Land List at 100 acres.

Board TUESDAY, 13th Cloudy, warm & rainy or say showery. We built board fence fence between the orch'd & barn-yard.

Bad luck WEDNESDAY, 14th Cloudy & showery again - Skinned a good likely calf lately turned to pasture - died in consequence of having been needlessly wounded. Hoed potatoes. We discovered that butternut trees were in a decayed state.

THURSDAY, 15th Cloudy - thund'rd in the E. Variable weath'r. Spent the morning in the garden - P.M. dug stone in S.W. past. Sent Ed Dimmick to mill.

Friday FRIDAY, 16th Great dew - fine growing weather - dug stone - Mother & meeting aunt Decia attended Frid'y meeting - spoke highly of it.

Dr Swift's SATURDAY, 17th Good growing showery weath'r - we built wall - Dr Swift's having our folks had lately had our oxen to break up with - used oxen. them about a week.

SUNDAY, 18th Fair and very warm - Heard the gospel preached by Mr Peters in his usual masterly style. Neighbor L.Norton & Peters myself at noon went to gov. Tichenor's - capt Brown also was there - the L.Norton gov'r talked much respecting the settlement of Mr Marsh which he opposed Capt for various reasons - one of which was want of talents - another, that he Brown was a bad speaker &c. Eve'g Jonathan & I walked to capt Norton's - left him there & went to Luman's - conversed respecting Homer &c - L. Jewett & H. Weeks came in - I came up to fr'd John's, talked with him on religion - returned home past 9 - Capt Bro'n detained us in an interesting manner late relating his law troubles - lodge here.

Jun 1820 MONDAY, 19th Fine & warm. We continued walling. Had business at the 542 blacksmith's - preparing to go Troy.

TUESDAY, 20th Very warm. Drove to Troy by way of Lansingburgh. Widow Expedition Gould of Pittstown rode with me. Called at L. Bliss' book to Troy store and talked some of buying a large Dictionary - said he would endeavor to accommodate by taking earthen ware in payment. At Troy bo't of R P Hart & Co 4 bhls coarse & 1 of fine salt - the former at 7/0 - the latter at 6/0 - on cred't. For Montague bo't 72 lbs iron for tiring a one horse waggon - paid cash \$4. to McCoun. At Brinkerhoof's bo't $\frac{1}{2}$ lb bristles - paid 50" - all for M. - that is the iron & bristles - he sent his Great firecash. Took on a crate of crockery at Silliman and Grant's just as the at Troy fire at the S. part broke out which in 5 hours destroyed the wealthiest establishment in Troy - property to an immense am't was swept to nothing in a very short time - Did not go to see but came up to Wheeler's and tarried - a great many went to the fire from the country.

1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the fresh air. It felt like I had been in a cocoon for hours. The sun was shining brightly, and the birds were singing. I took a deep breath and felt a sense of peace. I had finally reached my destination.

2. The second thing I noticed was the beautiful view. The landscape was stunning, with rolling hills and a clear blue sky. I had heard that the view was amazing, and it was true. I had never seen anything like this before. It was a sight to behold.

3. The third thing I noticed was the friendly people. Everyone I met was so nice and welcoming. They made me feel like I was at home. I had heard that the people were friendly, and it was true. They were the best.

Bell to Meeting House by Gov Tichenor This day the bell, a donation from Gov Tichenor, was raised & hung with demonstrations of pomp & joy - a fine ornament to the meeting house

WEDNESDAY, 21st Very warm indeed. Arrived in town late in the eve'g in company with Anson Wood - We staid a good while at Wadsworth's on account of the heat. Left the crate & iron at S. & Pickett's - uncle S. Robinson assisted at unloading

THURSDAY, 22d Good but very w'm weath'r - Corn grew rapidly. Worked at walling. Had very little leisure for reading.

Shed raised Brown. Drovers Tobias & Field. FRIDAY, 23rd Continued warm - Business as above. Went to the raising of Capt Brown's cow-house - a queer raising it was too. Tobias & Field with a drove of young cattle put up here.

SATURDAY, 24th Pretty warm - wind S.W. We compleated 26 rods of wall made up the remainder of the fence between the pasture & woods with rails. Late in the day was at Capt N's. Our drovers left us & paid for their fare \$2.25 - innharmony this morning. Friend Oatman staid here this night - played on the flute.

Jul 1820 543 SUNDAY, 25th Very warm till past 3 P.M. when it grew cool fast - cloudy wind N.W. Heard Mr Cohan on the difference between believers and un-believers or the generate and unregenerate. He prayed long and stood in a very painful posture. Went at noon & paid a visit to gov'r Tichenor's books - Read Homer at Luman's in the evening.

MONDAY, 26th Cool all day - wd N. Began 2d hoeing. Cousins Sally & Polly with Damia arrived from Petersburg on a visit there Brought news that cousin Ruth had been married to a Mr Tremain - widower with 5 children. Mr Oatman tarried over Sunday with us.

TUESDAY, 27th Cool indeed in the m'g - Finished 2d hoeing. Mr Bliss assisted about 3/4 the day. At night visited Cady - found him ill - such illness is very prevalent at this time am'g some people.

Scantling of Colvin Painting Meeting-house. D.Worthington WEDNESDAY, 28th Fine day, rather cool. Visited the Algerine blacksmith's without success - got scantling of Colvin to the amount of \$.5" \$1.5" Waited upon the painters of the meeting house by some little jobs at teaming - visited the bell - came home P.M. & assisted in pulling parsnips. Jonathan made a contract with Conklin of Algiers for leather to be paid in shoes - hired David Worthington who had lately been in C's service - began boarding him this day. Paid our subscription for painting the meeting house - \$2.00 to S.Pickett for Dr H. Swift - informed the latter of it.

THURSDAY, 29th Warm, dry, smoky weather. Repaired fences and picked up old wood.

FRIDAY, 30th Hot, dry & smoky. Got cart mended at J.Norton's. On returning thence visited the painters & again webt up to the bell. P.M. cleaned out the barn & repaired the cart for haying.

Haying SATURDAY, JULY 1st Weather much as above. Commenced haying moderately. They finished painting the meeting house. Rode to town - borrowed English & Classical Dictionary of Hall.

Dictionary SUNDAY, 2d No quite so warm as it had been - more wind from the S. signs of rain - very dry. Having attended to Homer & the English & Classical Dictionary till late in the day - shouldered both books and paid a visit to friend Luman whom I found in good spirits. Wevread togeth'r - he was pleased with the dictionary.

Jul 1820 MONDAY, 3rd JULY Extremely hot, very little air stirring. Had an er-
 544 rand at Mr Stebbins Walbridge's with a 3 year old
 colt - Viewed works at the paper mill - saw them making paper - came to
 Walbridge the ancient seat of the late Col S. Robinson - spent an hour there -
 Col Saf- drinking cider & water & talking with Safford & Lucy - Dined with mother
 ford at uncle Sam's. 3 P.M. arrived here and assisted in getting in hay from
 the little meadow.

TUESDAY, 4th Very warm again. A shelter was erected over the
 grindstone. I said we got in hay on the 3rd but it
 was on this day that that business was done - had at the rated of 2 tons
 Guns the acre - Heard great guns at a distance from E. W. & N.W. Rode to
 town at night.

WEDNESDAY, 5th Terribly hot all day - great thunder shower at night
 Mr Absalon Peters was ordained - a great concourse
 of people attended & obtained admittance in the meeting house. I did
 not get a seat that suited me, therefore staid but a short time - went
 to capt Robinson's - there saw Johnson's Lives which he offered to lend
 me. In the morning saw J.Norton Jun'r & Benj Hill of Arlington.
 Ordination Friend Blackington kept Ordination with us - We wound up with a
 H. W. good supper - ladies enough. H.W.Farrand arrived here. Parsons staid
 Farrand up here till very late.

THURSDAY, 6th Fine growing morning, but warm day. Expected tain
 Scotchman but we failed. Hoed potatoes. A Scotchman, as he
 called himself, lay in our barn this night.

I.Hand FRIDAY, 7th Blazing hot again. Hoed corn. I.Hand assisted.

SATURDAY, 8th Continued hot as ever - clear & dry. Corn grew
 amazingly fast. Father & Henry finished last hoe-
 ing. I was sick & spent most of the day getting horse shod & being at
 Cousin Stephen's & his mother's.

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